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The subject, who is seeking the Republican, Democratic, and American Labor Party nomination for Congress from the new Twenty-second Congressional District of New York City, on August 2, 1944, won all primaries.

A circular dated August 2, 1944, and entitled, "Press Release, The Independent Non-Partisan People's Committee for the Election of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. to Congress, 132 West 138th Street, New York City," is being distributed. The circular states as follows:

"IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

"This is a victory of the people. This campaign was a crusade. We refused to descend to name calling and political chicanery. Our opponents in Harlem and more especially outside, refused to fight cleanly on issues. They descended to name calling, whispering campaigns, fraudulent petitions and muck-raking-- they lost!

"The people have purged this community of carpet baggers, compromisers and Uncle Toms. Our program is that which already has been announced. It will be expounded in book form entitled "THE MARCHING BLACKS" or "WHAT THE NEGRO WANTS" to be published by the Dial Press.

"The Negro is politically independent. This began three years ago when I was elected to the City Council. He can no longer be bought nor controlled. This victory was made possible by the thousands of loyal members of the churches of Harlem, the Democratic and ALP leaders and workers, the CIO, TWU, the emancipated Republicans and the theatrical profession.

"Mr. Joe Ford, my campaign Manager and Miss Hattie Freeman my Secretary must receive great credit for managing the campaign.

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"Let us go forward everywhere in America, Black and White and elect a notional Win-the-War, Win-the-Peace Congress and re-elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt as the Commander-in-Chief."

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The book, "The Marching Blacks" or "What the Negro Wants" which is to be published by the Dial Press in the near future, will be obtained by the New York Office and a copy submitted to the Bureau.

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SAC, NEW YORK

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A copy of the "People's Voice", Negro tabloid newspaper issued August 12, 1944 is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure. This copy is for Bureau review and need not be returned to this Office.

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ARMY BACKS FEPC

Roosevelt Rings Liberty Bell For Philadelphia Negroes

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[illegible] Left to right, they are: [illegible] Thomas Allen. [illegible] PTC [illegible] U.S. Employment Service.—(Photo [illegible]).

Presidential Order to Seize P.T.C.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, including the Act of August 29, 1916, 39 Stat. 645, the First War Powers Act 1941, and Section 9 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I hereby authorize the Secretary of War to take possession and assume control of the transportation systems of the Philadelphia Transportation Company, including all real and personal property and other assets, wherever situated, used or useful in connection with the operation of said systems and I authorize him to utilize such systems for such purposes connected with the war emergency as he may deem needful or desirable and to terminate the possession and control of such systems when he determines that such possession and control are no longer necessary for purposes connected with the war emergency.

EX-SOLDIER SLAIN BY COP

STORY PAGE

Ex-Soldier Slain by Cop In Downtown Robbery

A petty holdup cost Howard Miles, 21, a discharged serviceman and former resident of Elizabeth City, Virginia, his life when a cop's bullet killed him instantly as he fled the scene of his crime last Monday afternoon. Miles, according to police, had stood watching through the windows of a photographer's studio, operated by Eli Gordon at 304 Eighth av near 48th st, about 3:15 pm. When the shop was momentarily emptied of customers, Miles is said to have entered, gone leisurely to the cash register, grabbed a handful of money and ran out.

Gordon gave chase at once, shouting "Stop thief" as Miles ran north on Eighth av, and turned east into 49th st. He might have escaped among the pedestrians had not Patrolman George Caldwell, on his way to work at the W 47th st police station, heard the shooting as he emerged from the subway at 49th st and 8th av.

Caldwell drew his revolver, shouted to Miles to halt, and fired one bullet, piercing the head of the ex-serviceman. Miles was identified from papers found in his pocket which indicated that he had been honorably discharged on the grounds of being temperamentally unsuited for Army service.

The stolen money, still clutched in his hands, totalled $5.75. Eighteen dollars of his own money was also found on his person.

Dead Veteran's Kin Are Sought

Jessie Parker, 52-year-old veteran of World War I, was found dead in bed at a rooming house at 216 W 135 st last Monday morning when his landlady called him for work. He was taken to the morgue when the police were unable to locate relatives.

Although neither the police nor the boarding house proprietor were able to find addresses of relatives, the roomers stated that the dead man's brother, Thomas, lives somewhere near 124 st and Mt Morris Park, and that some relatives attended Abyssinian Baptist Church.

Jobs for Wayward Youth at Agency

Helping kids in a jam—in other words, finding jobs for young boys and girls who have served time in penal institutions, is the work Viola Hess, a young New Yorker who runs the Vocational Foundation, has chosen for herself. Since Pearl Harbor alone the Foundation has handled 4,000 cases.

Many of Miss Hess's clients are Negro youth who find her an understanding friend. The story of her work is told by Stanley Frank in the current issue of Collier's, under the title, "A Princess Gets 'Em Jobs."

Calls Negroes Out

PHILADELPHIA — Curiously enough, one of the most interesting features about the strike here has been slept by both white and Negro press. PV reporter learned Friday that of the 6,000 transit workers out on strike, some 900 are Negroes. These 900 are placed in the curious position of being out on strike against themselves, since the dispute is over the hiring of Negroes in upgraded positions.

Employed by the Philadelphia Transit Company (PTC) are these 900 persons, in varying capacities, mostly unskilled. From them would have come five of the eight intended to become motormen. Many of the 900 earn more money than do the white motormen, although they remain in unskilled and semi-skilled positions, as guardsmen, track workers, etc.

Ironically enough, many of these Negro pard men already know how to operate trolleys, moving them daily about the yards and car barns. But it was only when it was proposed that they operate them as full-fledged motormen that trouble flared.

D. C. Recorder Dies; Served Longest Time

WASHINGTON—Dr. William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia for the past ten years, died Friday at Freedmen's Hospital following a prolonged illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, with Bishop James Gregg officiating.

Born July 6, 1884, at Jefferson City, Mo., Dr. Thompkins was educated at Lincoln University, Missouri, the University of Colorado and Howard University, where he received the degree of doctor of medicine in 1906. In 1915 he was appointed superintendent of General Hospital, No. 2, in Kansas City, Mo., the first Negro to hold this position. He also supervised hospitals in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee and Muskogee, Okla.

DR. THOMPKINS

In 1927 he was appointed assistant commissioner of health in Kansas City and made a survey of tuberculosis and housing conditions among Negroes, the plan of which was adopted as a model by the American Public Health Commission.

Dr. Thompkins founded the Kansas City American, a weekly newspaper, 15 years ago, the only Democratic paper owned by Negroes in the West. He was [illegible] and editor of the paper until he came to Washington to take the post of recorder of deeds. [illegible]

A [illegible] political figure and the first outstanding Negro to support the Democratic party, he was director of the 1932 Presidential campaign among Negroes in the West, and later founded the National Colored Democratic Association, which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The association was active at each Democratic national convention since its founding, [illegible] the [illegible] on the Negro [illegible] doing what it could to push through Democratic measures.

Dr. Thompkins has served longer than any previous recorder of deeds in the District and has many accomplishments to his credit. Controlling a staff of 95 Negro and white employees, he fought successfully during his administration to keep the office independent against pressure of the commissioners of the District to take over its control and place some of its important functions under other local bureaus.

He was instrumental in having painted and installed in the office the pictures of all former recorders; brought the office out of the red, wiping out a huge deficit; installed a modern list-and-alphabet system for recording property records; initiated the movement for a new building, which was begun and dedicated by President Roosevelt in 1940 and completed in 1942; and had seven murals designed and hung in the new building in which are depicted contributions of Negroes to the welfare of the country.

[illegible] was publicly [illegible] by President Roosevelt [illegible] in meeting [illegible] and was the only [illegible] government official who was excluded from regulations of the Hatch Act, which forbids government officials from participating in politics.

[illegible] E. Warren, who for [illegible] years had been chief assistant to Dr. Thompkins, having risen to [illegible] deputy [illegible] this year, has been acting recorder since Dr. Thompkins' illness.

LENA SCOTT...PV's roving reporter

WESTERN UNION

"Dear Editor Bess: Inspite Philly Jimcro transit strike, I feel most whites hate race separation. Why, while down South I heard a guy say, 'Jimcro in busses is unfair to us whites!'"

War Department Order Limits Jimcro Practices

An official order of the War Department, dated July 8, 1944, issued to the commanding generals of all Army Commands, directs that equal opportunity in the use of post exchanges, motion picture houses, buses, trucks, and other means of transportation operated by the government be afforded to all Army personnel, regardless of race.

The order revealed the fact that this policy had been announced as early as March 8, 1943, but that "practices exist on some installations that are not in harmony with its provisions." Points outlined in the Sec'y of War's order were:

- exchanges may not be designated for the exclusive use of any particular race; where branch exchanges are opened to serve specific areas or units, personnel will not be restricted to the use of that post but may use any other at the camp or station;
- transportation facilities, operated by government agencies, whether on or off a post, or camp, will be equally available to all military personnel, regardless of race, and no segregated seating plan may be enforced despite prevailing civilian customs;
- no Army theatre or performance in any theatre will be denied to any individual because of race;
- compliance with this policy will be ensured through inspection by commanders and inspectors general; where the policy is not carried out, "the commanding general of the service command will initiate action to insure full compliance with the announced policy."

Wallace's Book First On Labor Bookshelves

DETROIT—Best seller in the Union Bookstore (UAW-CIO) for the past month has been Democracy Reborn, by Henry Wallace in the non-fiction list, with the next four following in order: Kingdon's That Man In The White House, Here's Why Women Cry, Carlson's Under Cover, and Pyle's Here Is Your War.

The [illegible] "fiction" [illegible] labor bookstore are Strange Fruit, A Bell For Adano, Family, Freedom Road, and The Fifth Squad.

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HOTBED OF HATE is this Philly strike headquarters, located at the PTC car barns at 10th and Luzerne Sts. Left shows strikers' cars and boots of idle workers; flags showing Government seizure fly above; entrance to building is strike meeting hall. There were 200 strikers inside when pic was taken. Right shows a few of the many idle cars [illegible] and [illegible] in the car barn. PV reporter and fotog were sharply questioned by strike leaders when they set up camera for this shot taken from viaduct running alongside the strike headquarters. Not noticeable is a red police squad car at the corner of the street intersection. Foreground of pic has victory gardens in full bloom, ironic note as contrasted with the war defense crippling strike—(Pumps foto).

Philly Again Is Normal; Negro Troops Move In

FLASH: When they reported to work Monday, four strike leaders of the Philadelphia Transit co were summarily discharged for their part in leading and fomenting the six-day walkout which tied up this city and its national defense work. The four were strike leader James McMenamin, Frank P. Carney, president of the former company union; William C. Dixey and Frank Thompson. The first two will be blacklisted from employment for the duration; the latter two will face army induction.

PHILADELPHIA—With transit moving at full speed ahead again, after the six-day paralyzing strike which tied this city into knots, normal resumption of activities is getting under way. With James McMenamin and three of his committee under arrest and $2,500 bond each, and with the army [illegible] guard over every piece of rolling stock, the strike has fizzled out. This week will see reprisals start rolling in, as a grand jury investigates the strike and its fomentors, for possible sabotage of the war effort.

Negro troops moved into the city along with white soldiers Saturday evening and are taking part in the army's protection of the returned operators of the transit lines. Few incidents of friction have been reported since the strike was broken. The eight Negro operators are expected to be placed into use shortly, under mandate from the FEPC.

With strike leaders arrested Saturday, the transit tieup went into the final phases of operation as Philadelphia still continued to walk and hail illegal jitney passenger cars over the weekend. Events up to that time included the continued cessation of transit operation, with the city helpless and on foot, with army trucks picking up war workers on designated corners, with private cars picking up thumb-wagging pedestrians, and with many [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of blocks en route to their jobs.

Sentiment over the week-end was in favor of the army taking more positive measures, paramount among which was the arrest of McMenamin and his allied strike leaders. Where the strike during the first two days was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]ing city, later events changed the mood of Philadelphia residents to one of deep annoyance and disgust with the strikers.

Common opinion among both white and Negro was that McMenamin should be placed under arrest, breaking the backbone of the strike. Citizens could not understand how one stubborn and misguided man, flanked by a small coterie of equally hate-filled and stubborn men, could stop a whole city from working and from going about their peaceful pursuits.

Common expression of dislike was the revamped attitude of the army, which failed to move in troops to take over, but which, seeking to avoid a show of force, sent in only a token force earlier in the week.

At the car barns at [illegible] st and Callow Hill st for instance, only two army men were on the premises (see foto page [illegible]). Other car barns showed the same serene picture. Army procedure appeared to be to stay away from armed force, to give the embittered strikers time to come to their senses, without [illegible] [illegible] the army.

The week, from the beginning of the strike early Tuesday morning, had seen the complete cessation of transportation, with the entire city on foot, aside from an increased movement of private automobiles. A day by day allowance of rationed gasoline induced many car owners to bring out their vehicles and put them into general

Southern Soldier Erred; Wasn't Still in Dixie

PHILADELPHIA—It happened here this weekend as the transit lines started rolling again. A white southern soldier, assigned to a car heading through a Negro section, automatically started herding Negro passengers to the back of the car as it neared Ridge and Jefferson sts.

Incensed Negro passengers, taken by surprise, told others of the humor. Some 400 Negroes, infuriated, gathered at the intersection, awaiting the car on its return run. The car and [illegible] [illegible] were pulled off [illegible] at the car barn when city safety directors learned of the incident. All is now peace and quiet.

45 Killed in Train Wreck

STOCKTON, Ga. — Forty-five Negro laborers, employed on railroad work near here, were killed and 22 injured last week when an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train was derailed and collided with a freight train. Four servicemen, riding a hospital coach in the train bound for Finney General Hospital at Thomasville, Ga., were slightly injured as well.

STRIKE LEADER is James H. McMenamin (left), shown during discussion on strike situation. Mac was bitter against Negroes (and against losing his soft spot as former company union exec.). FBI collared him [illegible] (Philly Daily News foto, [illegible] [illegible]).

White Cabbies Refuse Negroes As Passengers

PHILADELPHIA — As the Pennsylvania streamliner slid smoothly into North Philadelphia, heading for Broad Street station in the heart of the city, PV's reporter kept a watchful eye for signs of activity on the part of surface transportation. There was none. A heavy flow of passenger cars filled every street, with curbs lined with thumb wavers.

Trucks packed with white and Negro riders wrote a [illegible] story, as war workers sought to get to and from their jobs. White men and women, Negro men and women, rode fraternally without friction.

At Broad Street station, crowds of passengers sought taxicab transportation to their destinations. Cabbies refused to pick up Negro passengers, having orders to stay out of Negro sections. Negroes rode only where Negro private drivers pulled in at the station, to pick up some extra money by filling their cars with Negro travelers, at fancy fares which were set at high-jacking prices.

Although cabbies refused to take Negro fares, the Negro jitneys were hustled on their way by stupid police, causing resentment among Negroes who could not otherwise have secured transportation.

The action of Mayor Samuels in closing all bars and state liquor stores helped to keep down racial disorders. The [illegible] of Tuesday night and Wednesday morning were the only symptoms of confusion. Of the 200 Negroes arrested in the North Philadelphia section, those without previous records were released after being booked and fingerprinted.

Negroes stood in bunches along 16 and South sts in South Philly all week, but merely talked about the situation quietly.

A white girl passed in front of the Afro office on Broad at 2 a.m. Friday night, barefooted and carrying shoes in hand. Ribbed by two passing white sailors, she wisecracked back, simply, "Well, my feet hurt, so what?" People walked and walked and walked. That is the story, [illegible] in brief. Some had roller skates. Many rode bicycles. Jitneys plucked the purses of the affluent. Private cars doubled up with thumb wavers. Shoe leather wore thin. Heels played a clicketyclack symphony along Philly sidewalks. Patience wore thin, but spirits kept high.

Liquor drinkers patronized this city's hidden blind tigers, where bad liquor went at 50c a thimble shot. Big time drinkers went across the river to Camden, where New Jersey did a landslide in legal whisky business.

Hotels and rooming houses were packed, as workers were unable to get home at night after work. Friends opened their doors to other friends, stranded from home.

Philly is a city where there is no Negro section, per se. Negroes live in isolated spots all over the city. South Philly has the greatest number of Negroes, with North and West Philly sharing honors. Other sections have their islands of Negro residents.

Sentiment among Negroes is that, if the eight upgraded Negroes are not put to work, there will be violence in Negro sections. Army ruling is that the status quo will prevail, which means that the upgraded Negroes will be turned back to the PTC when the strike is broken, just as they were when the strike started last Tuesday. This leaves the situation about where it started, with the FEPC catching the ball, since it was that Government agency which ordered the PTC to upgrade the Negro workers.

Some Uncle Tom Negroes in Philly feel that Negroes have no right to ask for upgrading. They feel that yard and track jobs are good enough. These thinkers are in the minority. Most think that Negroes will either operate trolley [illegible] [illegible]

FRONT

LUCILLE EDWARDS CHANCE is not only one of New York's top lawyers but is well in the vanguard of those wideawake and active citizens who is thoroughly aware of the fact that she has a very real social obligation to discharge in the community. . . . Accordingly, this brilliant, British Guiana born lady barrister, has affiliated herself with many of the civic projects in our town . . . She is the senior member of the firm of Chance and Gray. . . . Acutely aware of the desperate housing situation in Harlem, she is affiliated with three realty organizations (one as organizer and founder). . . . She is a director of the Harlem Lawyers' Association and a member of the NY County Lawyers' Association. . . . Also belongs to the business and Professional Women's Club. . . . Has found time to be successful wife and mother. . . . Has a son, who is a paratrooper, while her distinguished husband—Dr Albion S. Chance—is a fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Liberal Reconversion Bill Faces Fight with Die-Hards

By FLORENCE MURRAY

The same old gang and the same old issues are involved in the two reconversion bills facing the Senate this week, both of which have been reported out of committees. It is the same old story of Republicans joining up with southern reactionaries on the matter of states' rights, aversion to Roosevelt and the fear of so-called "regimentation." The liberal bill, known as the Kilgore-Murray bill, proposes federal standards of unemployment insurance, minimum unemployment compensation payments based on 75 per cent of the highest weekly wage received by a worker during the war, the giving of from $50 to $100 a month according to the number of dependents for maintenance over a six-months' period to workers taking free vocational training to equip them for new jobs; increasing mustering-out pay for war veterans to a scale of $200 for a single person, $250 for persons with one dependent, $300 for a person with two dependents, plus one-half of the base for each year of active service and another one-half for service outside the country. Its provisions would extend for two years after the [illegible] ceases.

Framed by Senators Harley M. Kilgore (Dem., West Va.) and James E. Murray (Dem., Mont.), the bill faces a stiff fight on the floor, for the proponents of the opposing measure, sponsored by anti-New Deal Senator Walter F. George of Georgia, have maneuvered it through the Senate Finance Committee to the floor. The Kilgore-Murray bill was reported out of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

GOP'S BRAND BILL

As usual, Republican die-hards and anti-Roosevelt legislators have branded the liberal bill as unworkable, extravagant, a threat to states' rights and a step to regimentation of the people. And, as usual, this clique is led by Russell of Georgia, Taft of Ohio, Vandenberg of Michigan, et al. And they hold up as one of their main objections the fact that it is contrary to the states' rights principles of the Republican governors' conference called by Governor Dewey last week.

It is needless to say that the progressive forces are supporting the Kilgore-Murray measure and it is also needless to say that their fight will not be easy when the unholy alliance of northern GOPs and southern anti-New Dealers line up against it.

The George bill, among other less liberal provisions, would leave the unemployment compensation program up to the states and would not supplement the payments with federal funds. Its proponents hope to ensure the treasury, however, by the provision calling for the guarantee of the solvency of the states' funds through federal non-interest loans.

In other words, the federal government would be called upon to stand back of the state funds while the states have full control over the disposition of these funds and the say-so as to who might have them and how much.

S. Hillman, PAC Head Hails Powell's Victory

Sidney Hillman, CIO Political Action Committee chairman, hailed Adam Clayton Powell, Jr's, victory in both the Democratic and Republican Congressional primaries here as "a tribute" to the Negro leader's "consistent and courageous work on behalf of the people of Harlem."

In his congratulatory message to Powell, Hillman stated, "The victory is a demonstration that your constituents realize that the cause of liberalism will best be served through the election of progressive Congressmen committed to the support of President Roosevelt's leadership."

Educator Chosen [illegible]ampton Dean

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—Leander L. Boykin, formerly dean of men at Fayetteville (N.C.) State Teachers College, has been appointed dean of students at Hampton. Mr. Boykin is a graduate of Knoxville College in Tennessee and holds a Master of Arts degree in education from Atlanta University.

He has had varied experience as administrator in schools throughout the South and is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Psi Chi, Alpha Kappa Mu, national honorary societies, and of the American Teachers' Ass'n, Ass'n of Collegiate Deans and Registrars, and Ass'n of Personnel Deans.

Mrs. Lighton Back at "Y"

Mrs. Susan Adams Lighton, who opened Harlem's first cafeteria in 1919, returned August 1st to her old position as Cafeteria Director at the Harlem YWCA. After 11 years service building the "Y" cafeteria into one of Harlem's most popular eating places, she went to Lincoln University as dietitian. Mrs. Lighton was called back to fill the post left by the recent death of Mrs. Ellen Bowden.

Millionth Old-Age Benefit

WASHINGTON — The one millionth benefit now in force under the old-age and survivors insurance provisions law went into effect August 1. Beneficiaries of the benefit are the widow and children of a union molder, John Robert Thompson of a Cleveland [illegible] plant.

PV's Reporter Visits Philly Strike Quarters

By JOHN LOUIS CLARKE

PHILADELPHIA—Friday afternoon I bearded the lion in his den, and visited strike headquarters of Negro-hating transit employes. Simply, the atmosphere was tense. As the battered Lincoln Zephyr carrying a white photographer and myself slid in to the curb in front of the car barns at 10th and Luzerne sts. lair of the strikers (on company property), sullen knots of strikers along the sidewalk sprang into buzzing activity. What was a Negro doing here? was the buzzing.

With the car plainly labeled "Press Photographer," the purpose was clear. With no one offering to molest, PV's reporter and the cameraman went into the strikers' meeting hall, inside the car barn. Some 200 whites were there and each turned a fishy eye toward the pair.

Ignoring the coolness, PV's man went up the nearest white striker and asked for the whereabouts of strike leader McMenamin. The reply was courteous albeit unfriendly. The leader [illegible] was expected soon; the group was assembled there awaiting him.

Outside, photog and reporter agreed that a shot taken in this hotbed of poor hate, showing the scores of idle cars while Philadelphia walked in the sweltering heat, would be a natural. Agreed upon, a suitable spot was found atop a viaduct running alongside.

Setting up camera on tripod, focusing on the scene, kept [illegible] man busy for twenty minutes. Came along a strike committee member, curtly requesting credentials from both. The photog had Governor [illegible] authorization; PV man had NY City police credentials. Striker decamped.

Parked again at the valley wherein lay strike headquarters, photog and reporter again were the focus of attention. Another strike committeeman appeared, requesting credentials. He departed unconvinced but unable to make up his mind about doing anything. A red police squad car stood nearby to handle the some 600 strikers—a highly inadequate gesture if trouble arose.

Inside the meeting hall, two Negroes sat playing cards with white fellow workers, accepted by the group without distinction.

Atmosphere was one of indecision. The men were awaiting the report from McMenamin on his conference that afternoon at City Hall with army and [illegible] officials. McMenamin was the former boss of the company union which had been deposed by the CIO, and most felt that he wanted to regain his former authoritative position.

A few white girls mingled with the strikers. They were probably clerical workers. The men were in shirtsleeves; a few had been drinking despite the liquor ban. They resented deeply the unfavorable press they had been getting, particularly from the local papers, which have been unsparing in criticism of the strikers and their announced objectives.

In the grounds flanking the car barns were victory gardens, an ironic note as the sullen strikers belied all traces of patriotism. Atop the nearby viaduct ran trains carrying white and Negro workers to work spots, while in the valley below stood the idle cars.

Vets Advised to See Local Boards for Jobs

Re-employment of returning veterans is one of the rapidly growing responsibilities of the Selective Service System, Col. Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to the director, stated this week. This responsibility was imposed under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 to assure the veteran of re-instatement in his former job.

When a veteran is separated from the armed forces by honorable discharge, he must make application for his old job within 40 days after his discharge if he wishes to obtain it. Should he not want his former job, the SSS will aid him in getting other suitable employment.

Veterans are advised to report to their local Selective Service boards to make application for work upon their separation from any branch of the armed services.

Benefits For Veterans

Do you know: What are the benefits that veterans of this war may obtain? Where to go for them? Who is qualified? PV's next issue will answer these questions in a detailed article on the various forms of assistance provided for veterans and what the prospects are for post-war benefits. IN NEXT WEEK'S PV.

Gandhi's Plan Would Help Allies, He Says

BOMBAY—Clear acceptance of the Indian demand for independence and consequent establishment of national responsible government, subject to the limitations he had previously proposed, would immediately change the character of the Allied cause, Mahatma K. Gandhi told a representative of the *Allied Labor News* in an interview recently.

Acceptance of his latest proposals would take the wind out of the Axis sails, the Indian leader said. "The Allies are today making brave declarations about democracy and liberty," he continued. "Mere declarations pleasing to the ear do not give satisfaction to sufferers. If the Allies are fighting for democracy, their democracy should include all the exploited races of the earth."

SOAPBOX -- by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

I AM HUMBLY GRATEFUL to the people of Harlem for the opportunity to serve my constituents, my country and my race. I do not consider my victory in the primaries last week a personal one, but a PEOPLE'S VICTORY. I have believed for a long time, and have continually expressed that belief — that the common people would see through the czarism and demagogism of the political bosses and would think and act for themselves.

This belief was not only proved at the polls on August 1, when Republicans, Democrats, Laborites, Communists and Independents crossed all political lines to nominate me, but it was proved by the nomination of my friend, Vito Marcantonio, in the 18th District; and before this year by the election of myself to the City Council in 1941, and of Ben Davis to the Council last year.

It is indeed time for the political bosses of New York to get scared, unless they plan to reform and bend to the will of the common people, who, in the long, run, constitute the electorate. In this people's movement, I am proud to say, the residents of our Harlem are taking the lead.

They are convinced that there will never be any real victory nor lasting peace until the rights of Negro men are recognized on an equal basis along with the rights of all men and that the labor movement, organized religion and political democracy are inextricably linked up with the future of the Negro people and the masses.

This campaign was a crusade. We refused to descend to name-calling and political chicanery. We stood on issues alone. Our opponents in Harlem and outside refused to fight clean on issues. They descended to whispering campaigns, fraudulent petitions and muck-raking—and they lost. The people have purged this community of carpet baggers, compromisers and Uncle Toms.

Our program has already been announced. It will be expounded in book form, entitled "The Marching Blacks," or "What the Negro Wants," and will be published by the Dial Press.

Our victory was made possible by the thousands of loyal members of the churches of Harlem, the Democratic and ALP leaders and workers, the CIO, the Transport Workers Union, the emancipated Republicans and the theatrical folks. Joe Ford, my campaign manager, and Miss Hattie Freeman, my secretary, must also receive great credit for their part.

I hereby pledge myself, as I have done before, to protest openly the defamation of any group or individual because of race, religion, or creed. I will work for the complete integration of Negroes and all oppressed members of this democracy in the mainstream of the life of this nation.

Let us go forward everywhere in America, black and white, and elect a National win-the-war, win-the-peace Congress, re-elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt as our Commander-in-Chief.

Marcantonio, Powell Make with Statements

As reverberations from the primaries of last week died down, with Adam Powell and Vito Marcantonio overwhelming victors, the successful candidates for Congress issued statements to the public. They are:

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The Negro is politically independent. This began three years ago when I was elected to the City Council. He can no longer be bought nor controlled. This victory was made possible by the thousands of loyal members of the churches of Harlem, the Democratic and ALP leaders and workers, the CIO, TWU, the emancipated Republicans and the theatrical profession.

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Marcantonio:—My renomination by the three parties is distinctly a victory on the part of the people over the conspiracy of reaction, domestic fascism, and their stooges—the political bosses. It demonstrates conclusively that the people are becoming more and more aware that political parties belong not to the bosses, but to the people who are enrolled in them.

Both Adam Powell's victory and mine merely reflect a militant people's movement which is fighting everywhere—on the battlefields and in politics—for the realization of that democracy for which Americans, Negro and white, are fighting all over the world.

Abraham Lincoln Project

The Supreme Court of New York this week directed the condemnation of the site upon which the Abraham Lincoln House, a proposed low-rent housing project to be built in East Harlem, will be constructed. The project, to be between E 132 and 135 sts, and Park and Fifth ave, will probably be delayed until after the war, it was announced by the city housing authorities.

Socialized Funerals Feared by Morticians

CHICAGO—Those who deplore the high cost of funerals may be pleased at the prospect which is putting fear in the hearts of funeral directors, who, according to "The Embalmers' Monthly," expect post-war legislative moves to socialize the funeral industry.

A survey conducted by the magazine showed that 75 per cent of those contacted in the mortuary business feared that the example set by the government-owned cemetery operated by the U.S. in England may have a socializing effect on the minds of servicemen and women who have seen how it operates there.

Two More Leaders Join Political Action Group

Julian D. Steele, president of the Boston branch of the NAACP, and Canada Lee, actor, have accepted places on the National Citizens Political Action Committee, it was announced by Chairman Sidney Hillman at a committee meeting here.

At the same time Hillman announced that former Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska had accepted the position of honorary chairman of the committee.

Steele and Lee join Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Robert C. Weaver, Paul Robeson, William Hastie, [illegible], P. B. Young and Carter Wesley, previously-announced Negro members of the committee, which is actively campaigning for the election of President Roosevelt and a progressive Congress.

2 Women, 2 Incumbents Winners in Assembly Race

Two women and two incumbents were winners in the Assembly races in the 11th 13th 14th and 17th Assembly Districts when results of the August 1 primaries were tabulated last week. In the 14th A. D. William Prince, machine shop worker and organization candidate, won over Leon H. Murray, lawyer, and Cyril Douglass Stephens, businessman, as the Democratic nominee for State Assembly. Mr. Stephens, who operates an employment agency, won the American Labor Party designation, in which primary he was unopposed.

Daniel L. Burrows, Democratic incumbent in the Assembly, was not a candidate for nomination in the 11th district. Mrs. Anna [illegible] Hughes was unopposed as the Republican nominee. She will run against Prince and Mrs. Hughes in the November elections.

In the 13th A. D. Mrs. Ruth Brown Prim lost in a close race to William T. Andrews, incumbent. Andrews also won the American Labor Party designation, in which primary he was unopposed. Philip T. Watson, recently appointed Assistant State Attorney General, won the Republican nomination, for which he was unopposed.

In the 14th Assembly District, Hulan E. Jack, incumbent, was unopposed as the Democratic designee. He will run against Leonard L. Walsh, lawyer, who won the Republican nomination, with party backing.

In the 17th A. D. in Brooklyn, Louis J. [illegible], regular Republican candidate, defeated Mrs. Ada B. Jackson in the party's primary; but Mrs. Jackson won the ALP contest.

Bishop And Wife Die Within 48 Hrs.

KANSAS CITY, Kans.—Bishop William T. Vernon and his wife died here within two days of each other. The 73-year-old Bishop of the AME Church died July 25 at St. Margaret's Hospital and his wife, Emily J. Vernon, died July 27 at the same hospital. Both had been taken to the hospital on the same day.

Joint funeral services were held at the Quindaro Church and the couple was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. The prelate had been in poor health for about two years, but his wife's death was unexpected. She had what was considered a mild heart ailment until news of her husband's death was brought to her.

Bishop Vernon was register of the Treasury under Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Taft. He was twice chosen to be the president of Western University in Quindaro.

During his ecclesiastical career, Bishop Vernon spent four years in South Africa where he was instrumental in building the Emily E. Vernon School in Basutoland. He was retired by the church in 1942.

FOOT TROUBLE causes these Philly workers to clamber aboard trucks, en route to work. White and Negro shared transportation without friction—(Philly Record foto).

Liberty Bell (Unofficially) Rings Out Strike Protest

PHILADELPHIA—Nearby residents of the Quaker City were astonished early one morning last week, as the transportation strike was still in progress, to hear ringing out the deep tones of the historic Liberty Bell in Independence Hall. Immediately on the alert, custodians and guards of the ancient hall rushed out just in time to hear a voice shouting: "Liberty Bell—Liberty, that's a lot of bunk."

The guards apprehended a man [illegible] who said he was Charles A. White, 22, living at 7th at near Pine, a storekeeper at the Frankford Arsenal and a recent recruit to the [illegible] American order. He admitted having rung the bell by hurling a rock at it to protest the transportation strike which was delaying war production.

"The Liberty Bell once rang for liberty," White said. "I thought by ringing it again, it would bring the attention of government authorities to the case I want to make. My case is that war workers are being kept away from their places of employment, and are not producing the equipment necessary for my brother and other men in the armed forces to win our fight."

White stated that he was not able to go to work because of the strike and that he had a brother in the armed forces. "I want my brother to have a chance," he stated.

After being questioned by Safety Director James H. Malone, White was arraigned before Magistrate Harry S. McDevitt. When White stated that he had been committed for a mental disorder in New York's Bellevue Hospital, McDevitt ordered [illegible] held for observation and held his [illegible] until after [illegible].

Young People's Plays

The Young People's Drama Group of St. James Presbyterian Church will present [illegible]

Bricker's Men Reported Filling Firsters' Meet

DETROIT—Despite Bricker's repudiation of the nomination of [illegible] Presidential candidate by the America First Party, headed by Gerald L. K. Smith, many of Smith's audience at his meeting in the Stevens Hotel in Chicago seemed to come from the spacious Bricker headquarters during the Republican convention, a Detroit columnist reported in a newspaper here. Bricker repudiated the nomination after he had told the press in the East that Smith's vote for the Dewey-Bricker ticket was as valuable as any other.

New York and Brooklyn Urban Leagues Merge

Merger of the New York Urban League and the Brooklyn Urban League-Lincoln Settlement Association to form the nucleus of an Urban League of Greater New York, which will cover all five boroughs, was effected at an organization meeting held July 21 at the New York Urban League office.

Sixteen directors-at-large were elected to the new Board of Directors which the directors of the two merging organizations automatically became members.

William H. Kilpatrick, professor emeritus of Columbia University, chairman of the New York Urban League board will be president of the new board of directors. Dr. John Lathrop, president of the Brooklyn Board, will be first vice-president; Dr. Lucien H. Brown, second vice-president; Lewis H. Francis, treasurer; Moses S. Thomas, assistant treasurer; and Edith H. Alexander, secretary.

Edward S. Lewis and Robert J. Elzy, who have served as the executive secretaries of the New York and Brooklyn Leagues, will be executive director and general secretary, respectively of the Urban League of Greater New York.

PTC at Fault Says League

PHILADELPHIA.—Declaring that the present tie-up of transportation in Philadelphia is a result of the indecisive and fumbling policies of the company's management together with the indifference and apathy of much of the city's responsible leadership, officials of the National Urban League were cooperating with government officials, labor leaders, and representatives of public and private organizations in Philadelphia to bring an end to the strike and to prevent white workers from disorders.

Julius A. Thomas and Reginald A. Johnson, members of the League's Industrial Relations staff, said they had been in close touch with the situation for more than a year and within the last two weeks had cautioned management to anticipate the continued resistance of white workers who objected to the employment of Negroes as operators.

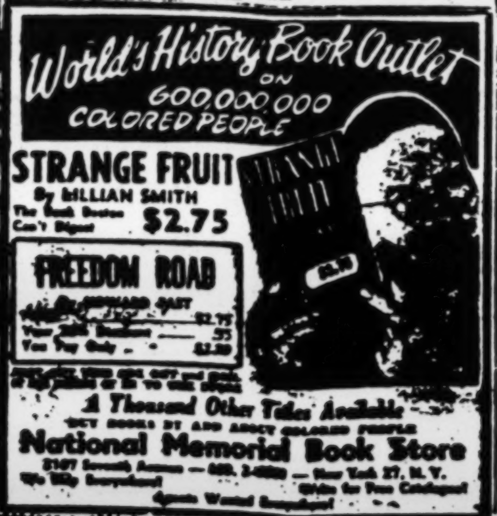
On April 12, after the recent election in which the CIO union won bargaining rights for the workers, a conference was held with Dr. A. A. Mitten, Industrial Relations officer of the company, in which it was again pointed out that some measures should be adopted to counter-act the hostile attitudes of the defeated company union leadership.

The Philadelphia Transit Company has never convinced its employees that it was genuinely interested in upgrading Negroes to platform jobs. This fact was demonstrated when company officials "passed the buck" on the issue when it was first raised, and placed responsibility for its hiring policies on the company union. Had the company announced a definite policy at that time and manifested its intention to carry out the directions of the War Manpower Commission, the question could have been settled without injecting the bitter issues of race.

Fifth Ship Launched Built by Negro Crew

CHESTER, Pa.—Mrs. Ross T. McIntire, wife of the chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery of the Navy, christened the S.S. *Marine Beaver*, the fifth vessel to be completed by Yard No 4 of the Sun Shipbuilding Co., when the ship was launched Tuesday. The yard is staffed predominantly by Negroes.

On August 15 the sixth ship completed by the yard crew will be launched. It is named the S.S. *Marine Owl*. The *Marine Beaver* will be converted into a hospital ship by the Navy. For this reason Mrs. McIntire was chosen to christen it. A number of Negroes locally prominent were invited as guests at the launching.



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Powell Informs Press He'll Remain As Pastor

By long distance telephone Wednesday, Congressional candidate Adam Clayton Powell held an interview with newspaper reporters gathered in his office at Abyssinian Baptist Church. The novel manner of holding a press interview was caused by the minister's being ill as a result of his strenuous campaigning for three weeks prior to last week's balloting. He spoke over the phone from his summer home at Oak Bluffs, Mass., where he was sent under physician's orders.

POWELL SECRETARY in Washington will be petite Hattie Freeman, who has been the minister's secretary for the past 14 years at Abyssinian Baptist Church. A native New Yorker, Miss Freeman is efficient and has worked closely with the Congressional candidate during his campaign and before. Defeating his opponent in the primaries, Powell will likely go to the November election unopposed.—(PV foto).

Present at the interview were members of the daily press, the Associated Press, which services most of America's newspapers; the Associated Negro Press, serving 132 Negro papers; reporters from the Pittsburgh Courier, Amsterdam News, People's Voice.

Reporters were told by Joseph Ford, Powell campaign manager, to prepare questions and hold them in readiness for the long distance talk. Questions and answers were swiftly shot through as the minister quickly digested them at the other end of the line.

Information culled from the variety of questions revealed:

● Hattie Freeman will be Powell's secretary in Congress. Miss Freeman has been his secretary for 14 years, is a native New Yorker, graduate of Julia Richman high school.

● Powell will retain pastorship of Abyssinian Church, and has "made arrangements" to cover his absences in Washington.

● When rabid southern Negro-haters rant on the floors of Congress, Powell will (1) raise a point of order against them, (2) give them "an old fashioned lecture in real democracy," and (3) ask for their impeachment.

● Powell will line up with the Democratic party in Congress but will represent all people.

● He does not consider his victory over the opposition of district leader Herbert L. Bruce as indicating the end of machine politics.

● Predicts that Roosevelt will sweep Harlem in the November elections.

● The primaries represent a "victory of the people," as Powell and Marcantonio, "people's candidates," emerge victorious.

Racial Hate At Low Ebb

PHILADELPHIA — From the welter of rumor and counter-rumor which befogs the atmosphere here, one certain fact emerges—there is no racial tension as such.

Race relations between white and Negro remain good. There is friendliness between the races. Riding together in trucks, to work, sharing with good humor the hardships of the city-wide transit tieup, white and Negro stand on terms of friendliness.

This does not mean that a serious race riot cannot occur. There are underground elements here which deliberately seek to foment racial hatreds, and they play upon the ignorance of both races.

Attitude of the Negro here is one of watchful waiting. He will not be the one to start trouble, but he will be ready to stop it, violently, if he can. That a minor thing such as eight Negro men being employed to operate trolley cars can tie up an entire city fills the Negro here with bewilderment, but he is not dismayed. He is biding his time, waiting to see what gives. And, whatever it is, he is ready.

While police patrol Negro neighborhoods in large numbers, they refrain from irritating ostentation. Saturday night, when spirits usually run high, there was a minimum of incidents, and none had a racial character.

Deaths from TB Highest in Newark

WASHINGTON—The death rate among Negroes afflicted with tuberculosis is higher in Newark than in any other city in the country, according to figures released this week by the U. S. Public Health Service. The ratio of deaths from this disease in Newark was 217.5 per 100,000. The New York City rate was 212, while Fort Worth, Texas, had a rate of 102.7, which was the lowest.

Deaths from tuberculosis in cities with preponderant white populations ranged from 15.5 per 100,000 in Grand Rapids, Mich., to 151.7 in San Antonio, Texas.

Judge Scott in Hospital

WASHINGTON — Popular and capable Judge Armond Scott of the District Municipal Court, recently underwent his second operation within a short time.

SOLDIER TACKS UP President Roosevelt's executive order, announcing Government seizure of Philadelphia transit lines.—Philly Record foto.)

Hidden Hand Aided Strike

PHILADELPHIA—Background of the transit strike here is believed to be wholly political. That's what the man in the street thinks.

This city and state are deeply Republican. The little guy—the man in the barber shop, the fellow on the street corner—thinks that the Republican political machine, backed by multi-millionaire Joseph Pew, plus the mild anti-Negro sentiment here, was put together with company connivance and [illegible] company [illegible], to cook up a scheme whereby the 2,000,000 people here have walked for six days and war work has lost thousands of man hours.

The strike is thought to be an embarrassing move aimed at the Roosevelt administration. If so, it has failed. Roosevelt promptly issued his Executive Order, which was a direct blast at the sordid aims and intents of the strikers. That tossed the ball squarely into the strikers' laps. Collusion among the strikers and the company (PTC) was evidenced after the army took over PTC property Thursday, removing strikers from the then-Government property. Where other car barns were deserted and quiet, the one at 16th and Luzerne sts were plainly strikers' headquarters, under police surveillance.

True story underlying the strike was that hidden and sinister forces, powerful in scope, used the ignorance of McMenamin and satellites, Negro-haters, to foster this huge strike and paralyze the city, but the Negro was only an innocent pawn in the game. Higher stakes were in play. Company officials and Mayor Samuels were part of this plot, as they played hard to get, with press and others unable to secure interviews with them.

Pew, wealthy owner of the state of Pennsylvania and maker of its governors, is thought to have a stacked hand in this subversive game of divide and conquer. Certain it is that a word from the right place would have tossed McMenamin and his cohorts into Federal custody no later than Thursday. Instead, the hoodlums were permitted to go their devious and defiant ways until Saturday, after telling the Government of the United States, in so many words, to go to hell.

Strategists behind the strike thought that by putting the matter up to Roosevelt, the President would be put on the spot any way he turned. If he upheld the strikers, he would lose Negro votes; if he upheld the FEPC, he would lose white votes. Roosevelt chose to uphold the Government order which backed FEPC.

British Judge Hits Jimcro

WASHINGTON, Aug. (ANP)—A Reuter's dispatch from Liverpool, England, last week quoted a British judge as saying that "when people come here to risk their lives" and find "a noisy and intolerant minority are not prepared to give them equal rights, I think they have a right to be angry. If anything that I may say may offend citizens of some other allied countries, he continued, "let me say that the allied nations make up a "democratic world, and if they have color prejudice, they must occasionally come into collision with people who have not. I happen to be one who has not."

The comment was made by F. G. Bommerde, kings counsel, in giving judgement in the case of a colored West Indian skilled munition worker who had appealed against his conviction for failing to attend home guard duties without reasonable excuse. He is George Alexander McGuire Roberts.

Roberts had joined the home guard as a volunteer but failed to attend picket duty last month, according to the Reuter's dispatch. He explained that he had been refused admission to a dance hall on account of his color. When he left and returned in his home guard uniform, he was still denied admittance whereupon he later tendered his resignation.

Permanent FEPC Urged on Radio

In a special broadcast over WNYC Friday evening, devoted to pleas for a permanent FEPC, Mayor LaGuardia officially proclaimed last Saturday as Fair Employment Practices Day as a "signal recognition of the importance of governmental action to insure fullest utilization of the skills and abilities of workers without regard to race, color or creed."

The broadcast was sponsored by the City-Wide Citizens Committee on Harlem. A conference followed the program on the air, in which the following took part: Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Unity; the Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers, co-chairman; Mrs. Anna A. Hedgeman, secretary of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC; Algernon D. Black, chairman of the City-Wide Committee, and others.

Rep Samuel Dickstein, speaking on the broadcast, said that Nazi stooges had a hand in such race riots and work stoppages as the Detroit riot last year and the Philadelphia transportation strike last week. Sen. Harold Burton, of Ohio, declared that fairness and employment are issues which rise above party partisanship, and against these issues, "there can be no sound argument."

Jim Noone Memorial Concert in Hollywood

To pay tribute to the memory of the late Jimmy Noone, the Musicians' Congress is promoting a memorial concert Sunday afternoon August 13th at the Trocadero Cafe in Hollywood. The entire proceeds of the benefit will be given to Jimmy's widow who was left practically destitute.

Katherine Dunham, Johnny Mercer, Ethel Waters, Earl Robinson, and other outstanding performers are scheduled to appear on the program which has been designed to show the contribution of the Negro to American music, together with Jimmy Noone's special contribution to jazz. Donations and testimonials should be sent to: Musicians' Congress Committee for Jimmy Noone Memorial, 1655 N. Cherokee av, Hollywood.

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EVERY GI present had the time of his life at Madison Square Garden Friday night when Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery, themselves servicemen, contributed their services free while battling for their fourth time. Although there was no title at stake, the two crack lightweights churned up a goodly amount of fireworks. The "gate" was in excess of $35,000,000 in war bonds. It was a great night and every GI anywhere in the world can poke out his chest with pride that Bob and the Beau are fellow servicemen. . . . Speaking of the leather-pushers reminds that Marine Platoon Sergeant Charles W. Riggs has been going great guns in service competition and is preparing to challenge for the big prize of boxing when the war ends.

RIGGS

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Recent receiver of a commendation from Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis, jr, in the European theatre was Master Sergeant Charles L. Lawrence of Orange assigned with the 12th fighter command. . . . Another Jerseyite, Pfc. James E. Holland of East Orange who is serving with the 5th Army in Italy, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action. . . . The good citizens of Albany are felicitating the family of Bostewein Louis Johnson who became an officer in the USNR July 21. . . . Two New Yorkers, Pvts. James Riley Blake and Willie Edward Staton, have joined the rapidly increasing forces at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. . . . Short Carter, known from coast to coast in collegiate circles, is visiting the big town following his return from the Italian front as an airman.

JOHNSON

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New York WAC's Virginia L. Hilton, Bernice Mable Grant and Vera Alsmmay Burll have graduated from the Army Clerks school at Ft. Desmoines. . . . When twenty men were graduated last week from the [illegible] aviation metalsmiths, William M. Chavis, AM/3c of Toledo took top honors with his average of 90.44 percent. . . . Brooklynite Pvt. James W. Forster has survived six years at sea, three torpedoings and a London air raid. Must have a charmed life, huh? . . . Sgt. Kessel Johnson, a veteran of the North African campaign, is back in the states. A grad of DeWitt Clinton, he hopes to resume his medical studies at NYU at the war's end. . . . Recently awarded his wings at Tuskegee, Flight Officer Yonwith K. Whitney of here is currently undergoing transition fighter pilot training at the Alabama base.

WHITNEY

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Talk about a fellow getting around the world in the services and still doing his specialty, how about Sgt. Norman Smith of the Bronx? He used to be a crack typist in civilian life and now doggone if he isn't pounding the keys of an Underwood (free advt.) 'way over there in Calcutta for the Transportation Corps. . . . Embry Bonner, the 730 streeter, has been promoted to a corporalcy at Eglin Field, Fla. . . . From faraway New Guinea comes the names of the following men from the Metropolitan area who have been awarded the Good Conduct medal: Sgts. Lorenzo Beck, jr. and Robert H. Wrenn, of New York City; Sgt. Howard Greenlief, of East Orange, and Sgt. Harold LaBorde, of Roslyn Hts., L.I. . . . Also from New Guinea we learn that Warrant Officer Alfred Harper of the Bronx has been selected to attend OCS in Australia . . . And Clyde Williams is a Marine. Wonder will he be able to talk his way past those tough top-kicks as he did as civilian?

SMITH

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Say that *Men O' War* radio show from Great Lakes every Saturday night (12:01-12:30 E.W.T.) is a honey. Get a load of it if possible. Willie Smith, formerly of the Lunceford crew handles the horns and most of the arrangements for the fine swing band. And that octet is really the nuts, man! . . . Carlton Moss, who turned in that good job the *Negro Soldier* (although Frank Capra got all the publicity), both as writer and narrator, is in England now to do a sequel with a locale in the various foreign theatres of action. Should be good. . . . William E. Eberhardt of Greensboro is doing a swell job as director of a Red Cross club in Italy.

EHRENHARDT

See you seldier—Joe Bostic

ANOTHER HEADACHE TO THE NAZIS is the Coast Guard Hero shown above at the gun with which he downed a German Junkers plane during the North Africa campaign. He is Steward's Mate John R. Smith of Cincinnati and serves aboard the Coast Guard manned transport USS Samuel Chase. Our hero was manning a gun as the transport approached Algiers and was attacked by Nazi planes. He took aim and promptly picked off one of the planes and assisted in the downing of another. Who says Negroes can't do the job if given the chance! We refer you to John R. Smith for proof.

Honor Local Boy At Tuskegee Field

T Sgt. James B. Oliver of New York City, is the latest "GI of the Week" to be so honored at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama. He attended Northwestern University School of Journalism and Boston University where he received his M.A. degree. In early 1942 he was assigned to the Office of Public Relations and was the first editor of "The Hawk's Cry," Tuskegee Army Air Field's weekly newspaper, during its formation stages.

A member of the first group of recruits to arrive at this celebrated air installation of the Army Air Forces T/Sgt. Oliver, an NCO inspector in the Administrative Inspector's Office, is probably one of the hardest working men on the post. He is a graduate of the Army Air Forces Clerical School and the Administrative Inspector's School, both at Ft. Logan, Colorado.

In pre-induction days he was a publishing house copy editor, and formerly taught school at Howard Academy, Ocala, Florida. His spare moments are spent playing bridge, and he is considered one of TAAF's experts.

Coast Guard Seeks 4,000 More Recruits

With approximately 4,000 Negroes in active service, the United States Coast Guard was seeking this week to double the number following the celebration of the 154th anniversary of that branch of America's military forces on August 4.

Negro Coast Guardsmen have received great recognition in the present war. Eight Negroes have been decorated for heroism. One Lt. Clarence Samuels, is in command of a Coast Guard vessel, and there are two other Negro commissioned officers and 965 non-commissioned officers in the service.

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Politics and Riots Topic of Report

Emphasis on police techniques for preventing riots and improving relations between different racial, religious and national groups is stressed in a report, "The Police and Minority Groups," issued this week by the International City Managers Association.

Police face a complex task today in maintaining civil rights and public order, the report says, especially since serious tensions between the various racial and other minority groups, stemming from tremendous population movements during the war, can result in widespread disorders.

Since it is almost impossible to handle a riot "successfully," the report states, the chief hope for police success in influencing inter-group relationships lies in the field of prevention.

The report was prepared for the association by J. E. Weckler, a member of the staff of the American Council on Race Relations, and Theo. Hall, chief of police of Wilmette, Ill. It is based on analysis of action taken by police forces of thirty cities during recent tense racial situations and on the ideas and comments of many police and other municipal officials.

Negro Historical Novel

A new book, "Freedom Road," by the popular historical novelist, Howard Fast, will be available at book stores beginning this month. The novel deals with Negro life in the days of Reconstruction, and follows the life of a Union soldier who is elected to the Reconstruction Congress and who labors tirelessly to work out the destiny of his people. The publishers are Duell, Sloan, and Pearce.

Oil Ration To Be Cut

Kerosene for space heaters (usually kitchen ranges and portable and non-portable stoves) will be more tightly rationed during the 1944-45 heating season than ever before, the OPA reported this week. Coupons for space-heater rations have been or are being mailed now. The heating year begins September 1 and ends August 31, 1945.

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Show-Down of Governor, Mayor Urged in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA — Governor Edward H. Martin of Pennsylvania and Mayor Bernard Samuel of Philadelphia were called upon this week to issue statements on their positions in the recent PTC strike by the local branch of the NAACP. The request was made to the two in a telegram, in which it was pointed out that the two officials failed to take a "clearly defined position" or the issue involved—the right of Negroes to work at jobs for which they are qualified.

The telegram, signed by Theodore Spaulding, president of the local NAACP, quoted a statement appearing in the Inquirer, which said, in part: "It is the tragic truth that the bigotry and intolerance which came to poisonous flower in the PTC tie-up have been nurtured by many of our people."

Previously the mayor had been condemned by progressive groups for his failure to take preventive measures to avoid racial friction in the city.

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Mississippi GOPers Miss Jimcro Setup

JACKSON, Miss.—In some Republican quarters, the recent action of Republican Nat'l Chairman Herbert Brownell in abandoning the traditional policy of establishing a jimcro setup to handle the campaign among Negroes for the Dewey-Bricker ticket, was regarded as a serious blow to the local organization.

During past campaign, followers of the state's national committeeman, Perry W. Howard, could expect the distribution of fancy salaries through the separate Negro office for campaign work. With the patronage gone and the Negro headquarters closed, the future of the organization is gloomy.

Leg Paints Economical, Some Non-Rub, Says CU

Leg paints are a better buy than ever this year, Consumers Union technicians found in actual tests of 54 brands. The good ones look well and are cheaper than stockings. The CU advises the use of water resistant brands, saying that others will make a sorry mess if you're caught in the rain.

CU staff guinea pigs wore the leg paints to work, where they were scrutinized and tested. The following brands were water resistant and didn't rub off: Gimbel's, Filene's Own, Perlac, Sutton, Lady Marlow, Rose Laird, Chantry, Frances Denney, Jacqueline Cochran, Tattoo, and Nina.

Staten Island Center Has Enviable Record

Since it opened in April of this year, the Booker T. Washington Recreation Center in Stapleton, S. I., has had over 60,000 servicemen and women as guests, attracting an average of 800 GIs daily from Staten Island Terminal and the Fox Hills Cantonment.

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Convention At St. Luke's Church

The annual Sunday school convention and Allen Christian Endeavor Society conference will convene Wednesday morning 10 am at St. Luke's AME church, 139 W 126 st. Delegates from all AME churches of the New York district will attend. The presiding elder of the New York district, Rev. James A. Manning, will speak and other prominent men of the church including Rev. Thomas S. Lewis, district superintendent of of Sunday schools.

Rev. J. Milton Jarvis, superintendent of Allen Christian Endeavor League, will preside and speak. Rev. Kelly Collins is conference superintendent and Bishop D. H. Sims will address the main session.

One of the main features of the convention will be a contest of the young people's choirs of the NY district Thursday evening at 8 pm. All have been training strenuously in preparation for this gala concert. The announcement of the Sunday school superintendents' literary, financial, and scholarship reports will be made. The scholarship award is an annual prize awarded for study at one of the church colleges.

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Tories Meet Match In Reconversion Fight

WASHINGTON (FP)—Tories in the US Senate moved swiftly last Wednesday to push forward the new, weasel-worded bill on reconversion sponsored by Poll Tax Senator George and strongly supported by G.O.P. Senator Vandenberg, but they were not allowed to proceed unchallenged by organized labor. The Senate finance committee unanimously reported out the George bill, now S 2051, which he sponsor. Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.) calls a "state's rights" unemployment compensation measure, and permits the states to set the pay ($18 to $22 a week) for jobless veterans and war workers during the transition period of reconversion.

Under the committee's plan the new George bill was to be brought up in the Senate on Aug. 8, although Sen. Warren Austin (R., Vt.) urged that more time be spent before taking definite action.

Immediately after the committee acted, CIO Pres. Philip Murray in telegrams to Majority Leader Alben Barkley (D., Ky.) and Sen. Wallace H. White (R., Me.) the minority chief, said: "Unless Congress acts soon America faces the prospect of mass unemployment and suffering while the war is still on. The action of Senators George and Vandenberg (Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican) in the finance committee in reporting the feeble and [illegible] George bill will only [illegible] issue and solve nothing."

Ickes Asks Postwar FEPC

Equal job rights for minority races and equal wages, initiated as a war time necessity, must continue in postwar America, Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of Interior, states in an article, entitled, "Will Fair Employment be Demobilized," appearing in the August issue of NEGRO DIGEST. Questions of "social equality" and "intermarriage" raised as objections by opponents of fair employment, he states, are only introduced to befog the real issue.

South Africans Strike

CAPETOWN, South Africa—Hearings in court are pending on the cases of over 400 native African workers of the coal distribution trade in Johannesburg who were arrested after a strike in which they asked for an increase to raise their wages to 25 shillings ($7.00) a week. Native Africans are not recognized to have any rights under the Industrial Conciliation Act which handles labor disputes for whites during war time.

Primary Fight In Georgia

ATLANTA — A double-barreled legal attack on the Georgia white Democratic primary was mapped here Saturday by members of the Georgia Association of Democratic clubs of which Atty. A. T. Walden is president.

Meeting for the first time since its members were denied the right to participate in the July 4 state-wide primary, the association mapped plans to seek redress through both criminal and civil prosecution in the federal courts.

Several hundred affidavits made out by association members denied the primary ballot in nine communities are to be forwarded to Atty. Gen. Francis B. Biddle with a demand that immediate prosecution of members of the Georgia Democratic Executive committee, which ruled out the participation of Negroes in defiance of the supreme court ruling in the Texas case.

The association went on record pledging support to the national Roosevelt-Truman ticket and members asserted that they would redouble their efforts to secure a [illegible] in Georgia in [illegible] November.

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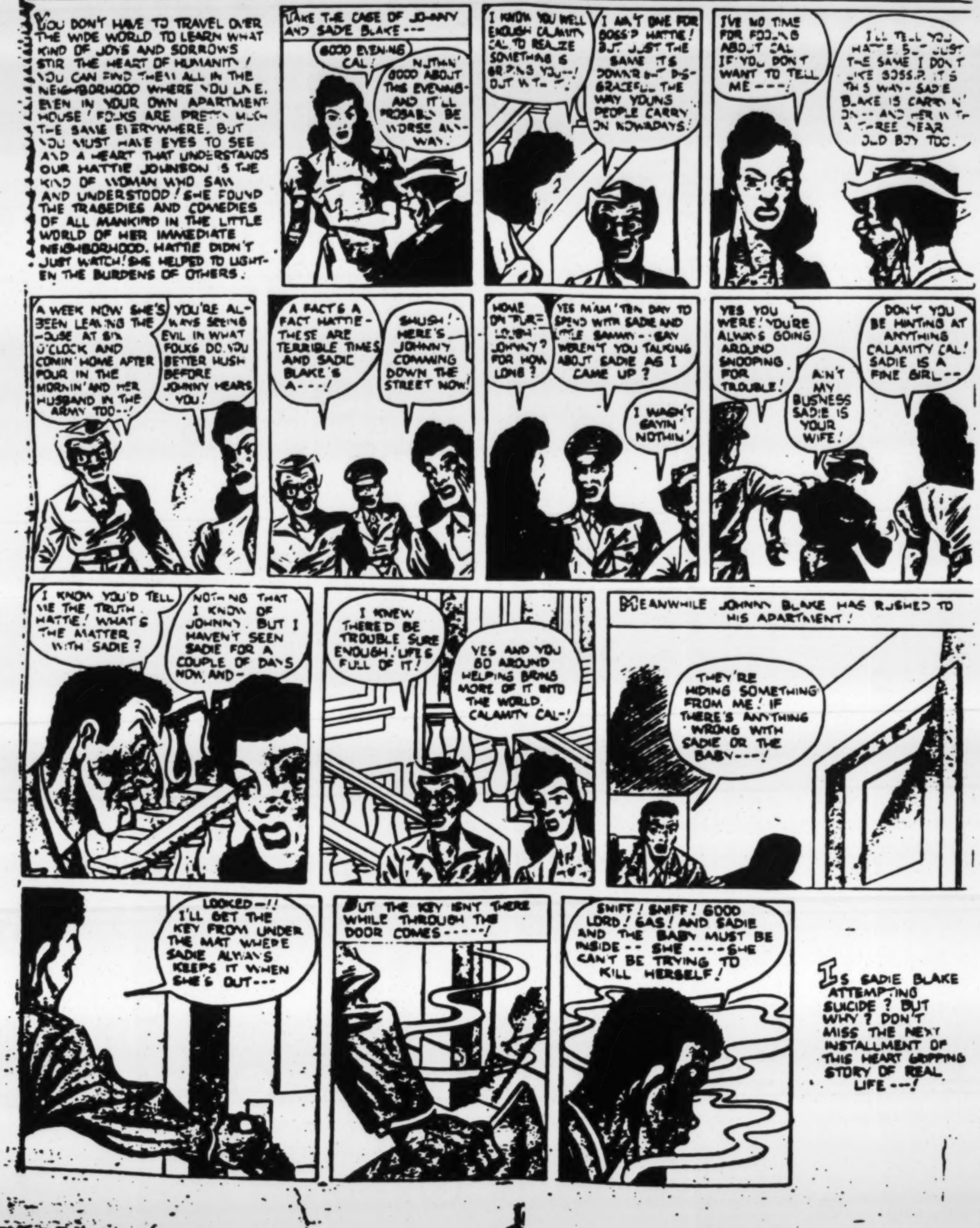
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GOOD EVENING CAL!
NOTHIN' GOOD ABOUT THIS EVENING- AND IT'LL PROBABLY BE WORSE ANYWAY.
I KNOW YOU WELL ENOUGH CALAMITY CAL TO REALIZE SOMETHING IS GRIPING YOU--! OUT WITH IT!
I AIN'T ONE FOR GOSSIP HATTIE! BUT JUST THE SAME ITS DOWNRIGHT DISGRACEFUL THE WAY YOUNG PEOPLE CARRY ON NOWADAYS!
I'VE NO TIME FOR FOOLING ABOUT CAL IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME---!
I'LL TELL YOU HATTIE, BUT JUST THE SAME I DON'T LIKE GOSSIP. IT'S THIS WAY- SADIE BLAKE IS CARRYIN' ON-- AND HER WITH A THREE YEAR OLD BOY TOO.
A WEEK NOW SHE'S BEEN LEAVING THE HOUSE AT SIX O'CLOCK AND COMIN' HOME AFTER FOUR IN THE MORNIN' AND HER HUSBAND IN THE ARMY TOO--!
YOU'RE ALWAYS SEEING EVIL IN WHAT FOLKS DO. YOU BETTER HUSH BEFORE JOHNNY HEARS YOU!
A FACT'S A FACT HATTIE- THESE ARE TERRIBLE TIMES AND SADIE BLAKE'S A---!
SHUSH! HERE'S JOHNNY COMMING DOWN THE STREET NOW!
HOME ON FURLOUGH JOHNNY? FOR HOW LONG?
YES M'AM' TEN DAY TO SPEND WITH SADIE AND LITTLE SAMMY-- SAY WEREN'T YOU TALKING ABOUT SADIE AS I CAME UP?
I WASN'T SAYIN' NOTHIN'
YES YOU WERE! YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING AROUND SNOOPING FOR TROUBLE!
AIN'T MY BUSNESS SADIE IS YOUR WIFE!
DON'T YOU BE HINTING AT ANYTHING CALAMITY CAL! SADIE IS A FINE GIRL--
I KNOW YOU'D TELL ME THE TRUTH HATTIE! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH SADIE?
NOTHING THAT I KNOW OF JOHNNY. BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN SADIE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS NOW, AND-
I KNEW THERE'D BE TROUBLE SURE ENOUGH! LIFE'S FULL OF IT!
YES AND YOU GO AROUND HELPING BRING MORE OF IT INTO THE WORLD, CALAMITY CAL-!
MEANWHILE JOHNNY BLAKE HAS RUSHED TO HIS APARTMENT!
THEY'RE HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME! IF THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH SADIE OR THE BABY---!
LOCKED--!! I'LL GET THE KEY FROM UNDER THE MAT WHERE SADIE ALWAYS KEEPS IT WHEN SHE'S OUT---
BUT THE KEY ISN'T THERE WHILE THROUGH THE DOOR COMES-----!
SNIFF! SNIFF! GOOD LORD! GAS! AND SADIE AND THE BABY MUST BE INSIDE-- SHE----SHE CAN'T BE TRYING TO KILL HERSELF!
IS SADIE BLAKE ATTEMPTING SUICIDE? BUT WHY? DON'T MISS THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF THIS HEART GRIPPING STORY OF REAL LIFE---!

Union Seeking Pact With Navy

Believing that Uncle Sam should be as fair and democratic an employer as he expects private enterprise to be, Italian, Negro and Jewish American workers at the Naval Clothing Supply Depot in Brooklyn recently signed a petition asking the Navy Department to hold a collective bargaining election among the Depot employees.

RICHARDSON

Thomas Richardson, national representative of the United Federal Workers of America, which is sponsoring the petition, is one of the leaders of the drive. He is also chairman of the UFWA's national committee on interracial unity.

The union is asking for the election as a prelude to reopening negotiations on pay scales, grievance procedure and problems of discrimination and favoritism. It charges discrimination against both Negro and Jewish workers in granting promotions, and officials say that these grievances have remained unsettled for months and sometimes years.

The petition now has 2,000 signers, a majority of the Depot employees. It is the first attempt by any union to secure a collective bargaining election in a Navy establishment. In fact, it is one of two or three instances in which the attempt has been made in any government department.

According to union spokesmen, pay scales at the Brooklyn Clothing Depot are as much as 60 per cent below private industry scales for the same work, in spite of raises ranging from 3 to 24 cents per hour recently granted workers there in some categories.

Emilio Massa, newly elected president of the local (No. 204) said that the members feel that only genuine collective bargaining between the union and the Navy Department can solve the serious problems which Depot workers face. "We have won some improvements since the union was organized," he said, "but basic grievances of unfair ratings and promotions, low pay and favoritism, are still unsettled.

Italian-Americans comprise the largest group among the employees; Negroes are next and Jewish and other groups are also represented. Members of all racial and religious groups are included in the union leadership and are working together for solution of their common problems.

The chairman of the local's committee for interracial unity is an Italian-American worker, Salvatore Lombardi. First vice-president of the local is a Negro, Mrs. Lydia Hawkins.

Mr. Lombardi, explaining the aim of the unity committee, asserted, "Discrimination against any group because of race or religious belief is a threat to all. Workers must understand this. In the union we must work together for good of all. It is the only way we can solve our problems."

The Brooklyn Naval Clothing Depot turns out uniforms for naval personnel. It's the largest clothing factory in the United States, employing about 5,000 workers under one roof.

The collective bargaining petitions will be presented to the Navy Department within a week or ten days. It is expected that if the UFWA-CIO is successful in securing sole bargaining rights at the Brooklyn Depot, the principle will be extended to other government establishments.

FEPC Hearing to Test RR Job Discrimination

WASHINGTON (FP)—Chairman Malcolm Ross of the FEPC said July 31 that the federal committee would hold public hearings in Los Angeles Aug. 8 and 9 on complaints that the Los Angeles Railway Corp. has refused to hire qualified Negro workers as bus and trolley car operators because of their race.

Ross said the testimony will be taken to determine if a violation of Executive Order 9346 had been made by permitting a war essential industry to discriminate against workers by failing to utilize all available manpower in the area.

Council Endorses FD, Truman

The New Jersey Council of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO) endorsed the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman as Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the council last week.

Well, He Slapped Fish

"We cannot go backwards," Gov. Dewey told a recent audience.

That sounds like the guy was deserting his party.—Eddy Orcutt in the San Diego Labor Leader.

A GROUP OF OPERATORS waiting to sign the petition for collective bargaining at the Depot. They are a part of the largest category of workers there.

THE TOP PHOTO shows a group of local officers planning the union's drive for collective bargaining with the Navy. Left to right, they are William Pletner, publicity director; Michael Trocino, chairman, post-war planning committee; Lydia Hawkins, first vice-president; Salvatore Lombardi, chairman, local interracial unity committee. Bottom photo shows a group of cutters who are jubilant over pay raises they received due to the activity of the UFWA local, No. 204.

LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

THE EXPLOSIVE Nazi-inspired transit strike in the City of Brotherly Love is an evil smelling Philadelphia Story. It is a shocking crime against our boys in the fox-holes and against our government.

SMITH

It is not mere coincidence that the strike occurred in the corrupt Republican strong hold in Philadelphia. The John L. Lewis forces, America First and Christian Front elements are well entrenched there, backed by some big industrialists.

The seeds of disruption, as would be expected, are nurtured and fed by these groups. They are less interested in demonstrating their anti-Negro bias than in seeking to interfere with the war effort and create antagonism toward President Roosevelt.

There is partisan political significance, too, in the fact that the Republican Mayor refused to meet with prominent religious, civic and union leaders to help end the disorder

The further fact that company union stooges, aided and abetted by the anti-FDR elements, were entirely willing to disrupt vital production and prevent ships' crews from reaching their vessels, shows how desperate the Roosevelt-haters are.

Attorney General Biddle should investigate and prosecute the small clique of strike leaders for an act of insurrection. He should also seek out the higher-ups and mete out the severest penalties.

Only the sternest measures will prevent pro-Nazi elements in other vital war areas from attempting a repetition of this Philadelphia Story.

We can expect further outbreaks unless the most stringent steps are taken by the Department of Justice. The home-grown fascists, with the connivance of anti-Roosevelt forces, will do all in their power to aid the crumbling Nazis by crippling our vital war production.

These characters must be treated as enemies of the nation. I am convinced of this as a result of my on-the-spot survey of the situation.

Confab on Bias In Railroads

A conference of railroad firemen on the Southeastern railroads was held July 21-22 in Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. The purpose of the group was to speed the organization of Negro locomotive firemen.

Delegates were present [illegible] practically all of the rail lines in the southeast. The status of Negro railroad firemen's case now before the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice and the Stacy Committee was discussed, and a legislative program to end [illegible] in the railroad industry was outlined. A. Philip Randolph presided over the conference.

NEW LEADERSHIP for the drives for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee and an unsegregated army was pledged by the National Citizens Political Action Committee at a meeting Saturday. Here Philip Murray, CIO president; Robert C. Weaver, director of the Mayor's Committee on Racial Relations, Chicago, and NCPAC Chairman Sidney Hillman, confident that "a big vote will be a good vote—a progressive vote," complete plans for a nation-wide registration campaign. Murray and Weaver are members of the NCPAC executive board. The committee pledges full support to President Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and Congressmen who will fight for a peace to end job insecurity and discrimination against minority peoples.

Philly's Civic Groups Unite in Strike Crisis

PHILADELPHIA—Civic organizations, unanimous in denouncing the transit workers strike, achieved almost complete unity of action in helping avert further trouble as the city was tied up by collapse of the transportation system. The evening after the original walkout, the Philadelphia NAACP, at a hastily-arranged mass meeting, put through a statement criticizing Mayor Samuels for his failure to take prompt action. Shortly afterwards, acting jointly with the Philadelphia Metropolitan Council for Equal Job Opportunity (representing 94 business, church, labor and civic organizations), began distribution of 100,000 circulars throughout the city calling upon the public to remain calm and to insist that Mayor Samuels and the PTC management stand firmly behind the program of upgrading Negroes.

The circular, citing the fact that the government agencies involved (WMC, FEPC) and the top leadership of the CIO are "standing pat," and denouncing the stoppage as a "disgrace to Philadelphia, to America and to democracy," called upon citizens to "keep your heads and your tempers."

These two organizations together with 23 others joined forces later in the week in sponsoring a quarter page ad in Philadelphia dailies denouncing the strike and calling for a grand jury investigation of the strike leaders.

Signing the ad were the Allied Veterans Association of Philadelphia, American Jewish Congress, AME Church, AME Preachers meeting of Philadelphia, Baptist Ministers Conference of Philadelphia and Vicinity, Catholic Interracial Council, CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination, Committee on Race Relations of the Society of Friends, Department of Race Relations of the Federation of Churches, Fellowship Commission, Fellowship House, Germantown-Chestnut Hill Ministerial Association, Inter-Racial Discussion Group, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO, National Alliance of Postal Employees, National Bar Association, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Lawyers Guild, National Urban League, North Philadelphia Civic League, Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, Philadelphia Industrial Union Council CIO, South Philadelphia Civic League, as well as the NAACP and the Metropolitan Council.

The organizations also sponsored the sending of a telegram to Attorney General Biddle asking for investigation and prosecution of the strike leaders.

Other organizations who, in addition to the joint program, undertook independent action included the Armstrong Association, the United People's Action Committee and the Elks, all of whom held meetings during the week, passing resolution or sending telegrams to the proper officials condemning the strike and urging immediate action against those responsible for the stoppage.

Among the other special activities also were those in North Philadelphia of a group under the supervision of Sam Evans, director of Youth City. This group maintained squads at police headquarters to accompany officers on all calls which appeared likely to be dangerous with the idea that their presence on the scene might serve as a deterrent to violence.

Bid for Support Takes Dewey to Lincoln Tomb

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—In an obvious bid for the support of Negro voters, GOP Presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey last Tuesday, in planting a wreath on Abraham Lincoln's grave, declared that it was a "fitting occasion to renew our determination to bring complete equality of opportunity in America to all the Negro people."

Later in the ceremony he said: "As leader of the Republican party, I reverently place this wreath before the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. May God make us worthy of his spirit and of his name."

Nurses School Faces Closing

ATLANTA—The South's largest Negro nurse training school, affiliated with the Grady Municipal hospital here, may be forced to close its doors, as a result of the city's failure to provide proper housing for the several hundred students.

The crisis was precipitated when the Georgia Board of Nurse examiners issued an order instructing hospital officials not to accept any more Negro students for the term beginning Sept. 1 unless "healthful housing facilities" were provided.

Recently two modern homes have been erected for white nurses, one with gymnasium, swimming pool, sun-porch and penthouse.

An appeal was addressed to the federal government for $400,000 with which to erect a Negro nurses home, but the Federal Works agency said funds would be forthcoming only on condition that half of the amount be provided by the city. This, the city refuses to do, though a $6,000,000 surplus is now in the treasury.

Youth Meet On Strike

PHILADELPHIA—In an effort to help calm racial tensions resulting from the transportation strike, an emergency session was called of various groups to form a permanent young people's interracial committee, Friday evening of last week at the Social Service Building, 311 So. Juniper st.

The groups, including American Youth for Democracy, the Workman's Place Neighborhood House, Jewish Youth Neighborhood Center, Sugar Recreation Center, Wharton Settlement House and AFL and CIO unions, discussed all aspects of the strike. It was the common opinion that behind the strike was an attempt to disrupt the war effort as well as to discredit such Rooseveltian agencies as the FEPC.

The meeting heard Miller Barbour, director of Wharton Settlement House, report on the large numbers of extra police stationed in North Philadelphia, the Negro area, which had tended to increase tensions. An appeal was directed to city officials to remove the extra and auxiliary police.

Other speakers at the meeting were Paul Gardner, organizer for the United Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers; Barney Herley of the National Maritime Union; and Mrs. Catherine Papell, executive secretary of Workman's Place Settlement House.

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And melted joy to this.
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And the wind shall carry its pieces
Down through memory's vale.
Somewhere two bashful sweethearts
May match the fragments anew
And live again the idyll
That belonged to me and to you.—FB.

WATCHTOWER

THE Philadelphia tempest has been particularly puzzling to Brooklynites, long since used to sepian transit employees . . . with nary a hint of discord . . . I was greatly interested in what the *Brooklyn Eagle* would have to say editorially on the subject . . . and was gratified to have them recognize the situation as "Humiliation In Philadelphia." . . . In its brief, but direct blast was included the thought: "While these white workers were striking against the employment of Negroes, Negro soldiers were fighting and dying, not alone for Negro citizens at home, but for all of us, white, black, or brown." The *Eagle* seems to be making a sincere effort toward unbiased journalism, and while it does not always fully succeed . . . great progress has been made in the short time between now and the newspaper-created "menace of the Bedford-Stuyvesant section," nine-day flare-up.

TOWN TOPICS

Details of the tragic death of Al Coombs' sister Loretta shocked and saddened the many friends of the six feet six Staff Sgt., currently stationed in England. . . . As the only brother of six sisters, Al's devotion and loyalty to his mother and family is well known to all who call him friend. . . . Sincerest sympathy to the bereaved.

All this premature freedom being extended to youngsters in their early and mid-teens is bound to pay some tough dividends. . . . One sees them everywhere at any hour nonchalantly engaged in adult pastimes. . . . Little girls in ankle socks and sophisticated hair-dos made up to the best Hollywood specifications. . . . And this time, the older young people, in their twenties and a little beyond, are the tongue-cluckers, as they wade through children at dances, taverns and cocktail lounges . . . remembering their own adolescence and wondering how it could happen in our town.

THEY SAY

School teacher Dotty Alexander's G.I. wedding plans were necessarily kept after school when her guy received his A.P.O. No. from you know who. . . . Howard Bryant's back in the Army, voluntarily 'n stationed in Georgia. . . . Must be some military blood there when a fellow turns down Khaki Topside's blessings on a return to civilian life. . . . Former Mildred (Tinky) Peck and her husband Jimmy (Albany) Randolph, Washington, D.C., residents now, cradle-appraising. . . . Which reminds, Doe Career Vivian Baker pops in once in awhile to say hi to her old hometown. . . . Most all the Govt.-gals from this village who were thar with me in '42 are back in the home-fold 'n GLAD! . . . Second Negro to join the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, as a social investigator, will be comparatively newcomer, William Howard Wilcox, former case worker in the Public Welfare Dept. of Charlotte, N.C.

You've met Crudie Whiting, the athlete, the dancer, the man-about-town . . . aye, the laugh-provoking life o' the party and host . . . now meet Crudie, the thespian! No foolin'! . . . come fall, you'll be seein' some high, wide 'n han'some emoting of which more at a later date!

AUGUST DOIN'S

Most enthusiastic is Valda Bramwell's account of her recent week-end at the rural Schobers' Saanka Ranch down in Jersey. . . . Sight of milk being tapped at its source (the cow, city-slickers) provided a real kick for the city-bred Valda and the lovely quietude was balm to her noise-jangled nerves. . . . Adrienne Branham and Shert Simmons finding mutual topics of conversation these evenings. . . . Will Dear household missing its quaintly charming little Jackie, who's spending the summer at Quogue, L.I., with her maternal grandmother. . . . That familiar lass with the four youngsters in tow is Bernice Van Keuren Haley . . . back on home turf from Providence, R.I., for a vacation.

Most journalism of the Third Separate Battalion's publication *Battalion Bulletin* reflects the skill and experience of its editor, Charles T. Magill. . . . His editorial board includes: Associate Editor, Clarence D. Wilson; Walter S. Fearnace, business manager and Sheird L. Williams, circulation manager. . . . Issued monthly, it's a dandily lined up magazine with clean-cut photographs and clear read-size print.

Leave your latch-key out for Mr. and Mrs. Brooklyn who are due for a call most, soon, . . . HAPPY SWELTERING!

Miss Brooklyn

REBECCA YOUNGE, attractive waitress of Kingston Lounge, is our Miss Brooklyn this week. She's 5 ft 5½ in., weighs 126 pounds and possesses a chassis that would make Grable look to her laurels. The sister of Brooklyn's famous host King Younge. Her Alma Mater is Brooklyn College and she is very fond of home making and writing letters.

NAACP Board Upholds Secretary's Utterances

At a special meeting on Monday, July 31st, the national board of directors of the NAACP reaffirmed the continued non-partisan political position of the association as re-[illegible] annual conference in Chicago, two weeks ago. The board approved the critical comment of its secretary, Walter White upon both the Republican and Democratic national platforms and expressed the intention of the association to continue to challenge both parties on the issues of major concern to the Negro and to the common man generally.

The board further expressed the intention of the association to call upon both parties and their national leadership in a demand for action in Congress between now and the November elections upon those domestic issues vitally affecting the interests of common people.

Five-Cent Coffee Is Back How About Cigars?

Five-cent coffee is back! All the country needs now is a good five-cent cigar and more rocking chairs. The OPA has ordered all eating places to roll back the cost of a cup of coffee including cream and sugar, to five cents, provided they were charging not more than this price in 1942.

They will also be required to post in full view by August 16, prices on forty basic food items which are frozen at the price levels of April 4-10, 1943. Coffee was selected as the only item for which a set price is given for all eating houses because OPA officials say there is no good reason for charging more. Hence its price roll-back goes back to 1942.

FEPC Faces Strike Threat in California

LOS ANGELES—As the FEPC begins its hearing on discrimination in war industries here this week, it is faced with the strike on the Philadelphia Transportation Co. lines, which observers believe will be a serious stumbling block to its efforts in placing Negroes on platform jobs with the Los Angeles Railway Co. Officials of the local company have previously maintained that if Negroes are employed as conductors and motormen their white workers would stage a protest that may result in a strike.

ST. LOUIS—At the FEPC hearing closed here Wednesday, the committee members heard testimony from the various war industries stating that they did not employ colored women workers because they would violate the community's racial patterns and would be compelled to install separate toilet facilities.

Among those making this assertion were representatives of the Amertorp Corp., a subsidiary of the American Can Co., which makes torpedoes for the Navy, and the Bussman Manufacturing Co., which makes 50 per cent of the output of electric fuses in the country. The latter company testified that it could get all the white women it needed.

The Carter Carburetor Co. representative maintained that its refusal to hire colored women does not constitute discrimination.

Other companies heard from were the Wagner Electric Co., the McQuay-Norris, the St. Louis Shipbuilding and Steel, the U. S. Cartridge, and the McDonnell Aircraft companies.

The FEPC members attending the hearings were Malcolm Ross, chairman, Charles Houston, Milton Webster, Miss Sara Southall, Boris Shiskin and John Brophy.

George B. Logan, counsel for the Amertorp Co., said that the policy of not employing colored women was adopted in the first place as "a necessary component for the success of the company's business enterprise," and that it is maintained "today in the interest of national defense." Nothing would so completely disrupt production in this company's plan," he asserted, "as any attempt, large or small, to intermingle these two races."

He pleaded "not guilty" to charges of discrimination. "It is not our discrimination," he countered, "it is a community discrimination, the result of a community attitude."

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CAPT. M. R. GREER, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., pins the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon on Everett Huey Hicks, Cook Third Class, USN. Hicks, 22, merits the ribbon as a crew member of the Destroyer USS Barry, whose Yank unit was cited for its anti-submarine operations in mid-Atlantic from July 27, 1943—(Office of War Information foto from US Navy).

NAACP Urges FBI Probe Strike Leaders

After a two-day investigation of the transportation strike in Philadelphia by the NAACP, Roy Wilkins, assistant executive secretary, wired Attorney General Francis Biddle urging to have the FBI make a "special examination into the activities of James McMenamin, Don Lasher and Frank P. Carney," leaders of the committee representing the strikers.

Statements attributed to Carney by newspapers, the telegram stated, "seem clearly to indicate incitement to riot." It further said that it is rumored that during the past three weeks Carney and Lasher were either given time off or took it off from work to devote their efforts to fomenting racial hatred.

"Statements attributed to McMenamin in the New York Herald Tribune of August 3 come within the category of incitement to riot," the telegram continued. "Carney and McMenamin have preached open defiance of federal government, as well as vilest and lowest forms of racial hatred. My personal observation among the Negro population of Philadelphia for 36 hours informs me that the statements of these strike leaders have done more to embitter Negroes and lay the basis for serious clashes than any other aspect of the tie-up."

McMenamin was reported by the New York Post of August 4 to have said that he would rather go to jail than order his men back to work "with niggers," that "white supremacy" is the big issue and that Negroes "want social equality with white women."

One-Third Negro Registrants

BIRMINGHAM.—Despite efforts by members of the board of registrars to "flunk" colored applicants for registration here, only 27 prospective voters failed. Nearly one-third of the 374 registrants of New Jefferson County voters for the period from June 28 to August 7 are Negroes.

Solon Drops Dead; Won't Be Missed

CHERAW, S. C.—Rep. Campbell P. Laney, outspoken anti-Negro legislator, died here of a heart attack last week, two days after his renomination to the legislature, and one week to the day after publication of a tirade against Negroes in the local press.

Laney, announcing his platform, had stated: "I will never approve social or political equality for the colored race. . . . I am 100 per cent for a white Democratic party in South Carolina and if it becomes necessary for me to put on the red shirt my grandfather wore to maintain white supremacy in South Carolina, I stand ready to do so."

Jamaican Technician Setting Up Television

William B. Still of Jamaica, L. I., was recently granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to install and operate a television station, the first Negro to be so authorized, it was learned this week. Mr. Still is the son of the composer, William Grant Still. He has assembled a crew of colored and white engineers to construct and help operate the station, over which he will have full control. It is expected to be ready for operation within six months in Jamaica.

Mr. Still has been employed by the Jamaica Television Company since its establishment in 1938, and has had considerable training and experience in this work. In order to obtain the license to operate the station, the young man had to prove to the FCC that he had the equipment, training, and advantages necessary to conduct it properly.

PRIMARIES ARE OVER: NOW LET'S REGISTER: NOVEMBER WE VOTE!

DUSK to DAWN in BROOKLYN

By RUTH EARLY

HI'YA FOLKS, I want to thank all of you for the lovely letters I've received in reference to my column. Will answer as soon as I can, but shucks, you shouldn't have done it. Say, how about dropping over to McGovern's Bar and Grill on Bedford av. It's one of the nicest places and the service is oh so courteous.

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Every Tuesday is amateur nite and jam sessions are held on Thursday nites at Tony's Tavern over on York av. . . . Good wine and tasty food are to be had at the Capitol Bar and Grill on Fulton st.

George's Tavern in the heart of the Bedford-Stuyvesant section is really solid on the beam, and you ain't nowhere if you're not there. . . . And the excellent cuisine at Bernice's Cafeteria on Kingston av is just too, too delicious.

Herbert Kline's *Superior Furniture Store* on Atlantic av invites you to buy directly from the factory, furniture and all kinds of house-furnishings at the most reasonable prices. They will even send a representative to give you estimates upon receipt of a phone call. Well, got to get out and dig up something good for next week. Watch next week's column for some of the latest developments from Fultonland.

Negro in Unique Post

BOSTON—The editor of the official municipal government publication, the City Record of Boston, is Joshua Jones, a Negro, who has held his post since 1932, when he was also appointed assistant secretary to former Mayor James M. Curley. A 1898 graduate of Brown University, Jones has had long experience in the newspaper field and is author of two volumes of poetry and a novel.

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The PEOPLE'S EDITORIALS

The Meaning of Philadelphia

President Roosevelt has used the ultimate authority of our government, the Army of the United States, to enforce FEPC's order for the upgrading of Negro workers on the transit lines of Philadelphia.

Disciplined but determined Negro organizations, responsible union leaders true to the principles of CIO, and an imposing array of patriotic civic groups—all backed up by soldiers in uniform—have defeated completely the fanatical uprising which threatened mass tragedy and all but stopped war production in the third largest city of the nation.

These developments are of tremendous national importance. The crisis from which they emerged must be clearly understood by our country as a whole, for herein lies the key to the destruction or the strengthening of the freedom of all Americans.

This was no mere "anti-Negro" strike. The virus of race-hate spewed forth by the strike leaders was but a device to enflame the passions of white workers for the accomplishment of sinister purposes in which exceedingly few of them shared.

Even in advance of the promised grand jury investigation, the basic origins of this outbreak are already becoming clear:

● The formerly open-shop Philadelphia Transit Company recently lost its fight against the Transport Workers Union and was faced with the necessity of signing a CIO contract—unless it could find some way to break the back of the union.

● McMenamin and other leaders of the defeated company-union were doomed forever to lose their influence and power—unless they could find some way to triumph over their CIO victors.

● The rotten Republican machine which runs Philadelphia (which is tied up with PTC) was eager to embarrass President Roosevelt in almost any way possible, if for none other than partisan reasons.

● Enemy agents on our home front were alert to every opportunity to disrupt vital war production in Hitler's hour of greatest need.

It was the merger of these selfish, partisan and treasonous purposes which really gave rise to last week's outrageous transit strike in Philadelphia. The occasion was provided by the up-grading of eight Negro workers on order from FEPC. The driving force was found in the racial prejudices of the white workers. But the basic cause of this outbreak lay in the anti-social aims of the sinister forces by which it was engineered.

All honor to the leaders of CIO who have demonstrated once again their firm unity with the Negro people in their struggle for democratic rights.

All honor to War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt for rejecting the Company proposal to suspend the FEPC order "temporarily" in appeasement of the strikers.

All honor to the responsible white and Negro citizens of Philadelphia, whose restraint and effective organization did much to curb the initial tendencies toward vandalism and violence.

All honor to our great Commander-in-Chief, who, far from the scene of conflict, put a stop to the suspicious dilly-dally tactics of certain federal officials and ordered this insurrection crushed in the only manner that the emotionally aroused strikers could then understand.

Now that the crisis has passed, let our whole nation reflect soberly upon the implications of this outbreak.

We have seen before the technique used last week to disrupt morale and war production in Philadelphia. We have seen it in Beaumont, in Mobile, in Los Angeles, in Baltimore, in Detroit, in New York—and in Berlin! And we shall see it again, with possibly far greater disaster for our nation, unless the root evil upon which it depends is wiped quickly off the face of America.

In this era of fascist threats to the liberties of all men, our country can no longer tolerate the virulent growth of anti-Negroism. If our nation as a whole would remain free, the full power of our government must now be used to destroy every vestige of institutionalized racial (and religious) discrimination. Whatever federal legislation is necessary must now be adopted, and enforced, to protect our nation from the peril of which Philadelphia is a warning symptom.

America's traditional "Negro problem" can no longer be viewed simply as an ethical question of social justice; it has now become an urgent political question of national survival. It demands effective steps toward a fundamental solution — NOW.

Post-War Jobs

The rival George and Kilgore-Murray reconversion bills now being debated in the Senate are of vital concern to the Negro people. Whatever hopes we have for post-war employment depend largely upon which of these measures is enacted into law. Moreover, in the congressional struggle just now getting under way, we see more clearly than ever the true political line-up of our enemies and our friends.

The George Bill proposes a post-war economy with little or no government planning for full employment. Whether jobs are provided for the millions of American workers would depend entirely upon the whims of "private enterprise." Further, the widespread unemployment which is certain to accompany the period of reconversion from war to civilian production would be handled entirely by the states. The very meager unemployment benefits which now exist (averaging $18 a week for from 14 to 24 weeks, less in most southern states) would be guaranteed by federal funds, but the federal government could not prescribe minimum standards or any other controls over the administration of state systems of unemployment insurance.

The Kilgore-Murray Bill proposes over-all federal planning to assure a post-war economy of full employment. Representatives of labor, industry agriculture and the public would advise with a special governmental agency on plans to keep the nation's industrial plants operating at full speed. Further, during a two-year period of transition from war to civilian production, workers and ex-servicemen out of jobs would be protected by a federal program of liberal unemployment insurance based upon a fixed percentage of their present incomes, with the scale of benefits going up to $35 per week.

The George Bill is sponsored by the anti-Roosevelt Senator George, of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Its chief advocates are that outstanding poll-tax foe of FEPC, Senator Russell of Georgia, and the notorious Republican reactionaries, Senators Vandenberg of Michigan and Taft of Ohio. In full accord with the "states rights" program concocted by Governor Dewey's conference of GOP governors in St. Louis last week, Senate Republicans are lined up solidly with southern poll-tax Democrats in support of the George Bill,

The Kilgore-Murray Bill is sponsored by the progressive Democratic Senators Kilgore of West Virginia, and Murray of Montana, both staunch supporters of President Roosevelt. One of its chief advocates is Senator Harry S. Truman, of Missouri, Democratic candidate for Vice-President.

It is clear that the economic interests of the Negro people lie in a post-war economy of full employment and security for all workers. Such an economy is now possible only through the over-all federal planning and guaranteed living standards as are proposed by the Kilgore-Murray Bill.

It is also clear that the political interests of the Negro people lie with that coalition of progressive Democrats and organized labor which now rallies to support President Roosevelt's program for the economic security of the common man.

TOWN HALL

Letters

HOW ABOUT SENDING PV TO A SOLDIER OVERSEAS?

WHITE YOUTHS GIVE HOPE

Editor: I am enclosing excerpts from a letter that may interest you and your readers. The letter was read to me by the mother of the writer who seemed very proud to have her son express such sentiments, and who wanted me to know how her son felt; she had just heard me preach a sermon to my summer parish in which I had stressed the need for America's experiencing a change of heart in its treatment of its Negro citizens. I need hardly say that the response to my sermon was not unanimous, but that was hardly to be expected. The most pleasing feature of my audience's response was the almost unanimously favorable reaction of the younger element in the congregation. There is hope in that fact, don't you think so?—KARL M. CHOWOROWSKY.

Editor's Note: The letter to which the above minister referred told of an incident overseas in which a white southern seaman abused and insulted a Negro patient who had been assigned to the bunk beneath him in a hospital. It praised the Negro for his gentlemanly qualities in apologizing after losing his temper and starting for the white man, and ended with "It just burns me up to see things like that, and unfortunately I've seen an awful lot of it since joining the service."

GI HEARTENED

Editor: Your paper is spicy and newsy as ever. I am greatly heartened when I read of the many steps being taken to bring about better conditions in Harlem and elsewhere for the Negro race. It sort of gives one the feeling that our service in the armed forces is not all in vain. It is all a real morale booster to me and to the rest of us down here and elsewhere when we read of those things. With you behind us and we behind you, I see no reason in God's green earth why we of Ethiopian extraction cannot command a better place in the post-war world.—SGT. C. McBRIDE.

GLAD TO BE OUT OF USA

Editor: This is to advise you that I am somewhere in England. Please send my copies of the *People's Voice* to the above address. I like this country very much. I sometimes feel more at home here than I did in Georgia. As a matter of fact, most of the time I do. The people are quite nice and friendly, but afraid, due to a wave of false propaganda which preceded us here and which we have to live down. I can say, however, that the men are daily showing the English just how wrong the propaganda is. Red Cross workers are doing a splendid job. Hip Hip Hooray—I'm not in the U.S.A.—LT. AUGUST GIBSON, JR.

Liberals Caught Napping

By ARTHUR HUFF FAUSET

Chairman, United People's Action Committee

THE STRIKE CAUGHT all Philadelphia progressives completely unaware. After a year's intensive struggle for upgrading of Negroes in PTC by the NAACP and the United People's Action Committee (UPAC), the fight seemed actually to have been won when on Monday, July 31, the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin carried a picture of Thomas Allen, Negro, as he was being trained to run a trolley by a white worker. But the picture was the pay-off. On Tuesday morning at 4:00 a.m., the sneak strike paralyzed Philadelphia.

Fortunately the immediate issue was crystal clear. The leaders in the revolt against civil decency and military necessity announced that not a wheel would turn until Negroes ceased to take their places among trainees for platform positions. This determination on their part helped to galvanize action among progressives who are notoriously slow starters on the attack. A real difficulty here was that Philadelphia possesses no over-all council of progressives.

UPAC and the NAACP were first in the field. They called meetings immediately. In the interest of cooperative action, UPAC merged its call into that of the NAACP. However, when about fifty Negro and white leaders came together Tuesday evening in answer to the NAACP's call, there was great dismay when Carolyn D. Moore, executive secretary, and Theodore O. Spaulding, president of the local NAACP, announced that NAACP took no offical responsibility for the meeting, that officially it could not commit itself until Friday when there would be an NAACP board meeting.

On this account the groups represented constituted themselves a citizens' committee and elected Raymond Pace Alexander chairman. Why the NAACP dodged responsibility in such an urgent crisis is not clear. Had it been possible to funnel all activities in connection with the strike thru NAACP leadership, many subsequent headaches could have been avoided, and we would not now be faced with at least four separate inter-racial committees which sprung up, Juno like, from the brow of the emergency.

GRAVE THREAT

The unorganized character of progressive activity constituted a grave threat to success against the carefully prepared and diabolically conceived plans of the strike instigators. The forty-eight hours which followed the outburst of the sedition were dark indeed. Darkest of all occurred at the very time the citizens' committee was meeting, Tuesday evening, when young boys in the North Philadelphia area ran berserk and smashed windows of scores of innocent property holders.

ARTHUR HUFF FAUSET

What redeemed a [illegible] condition was the prompt effort of all progressives to spare no time and energy in bringing order out of chaos, while at the same time sticking to the original demands of UPAC and the NAACP, namely, that the Negro workers must be upgraded and the President's directive upheld.

Rev. E. A. Palmquist, head of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, raised his voice in denunciation of the strikers. The Evening Bulletin, Record and Inquirer were unanimous in persistent condemnation of the strikers and in support of the President's directive. Trade unions demanded that the strikers go back to work, that the Negroes be upgraded. Negro leaders like Dr. John K. Rice, Theodore O. Spaulding, Jas. H. Rainey, Dr. Nathan Mossell, Thomas M. Reed, Charles Hopkins, Wayne Hopkins, Rev. John Dillingham, Marshall Shepard, E. Washington Rhodes, William O. Jason, Austin Norris, and others, counselled calm on the part of the Negro masses, while they insisted that the government take all necessary steps to break the strike and support the President's order.

The brunt of actual work fell upon the NAACP and UPAC. These called conferences and meetings, kept in telephonic communication with government leaders in Washington and with trade union leaders in Philadelphia and New York. Under their direction or inspiration, leaflets were circulated throughout the city, especially in tension areas, cautioning the people to observe law and order. Leaders went into these areas and talked with men and women on the streets. Radio forums were held. In addition, groups like AYD, the Communist Political Association, the Veterans' Association Fellowship Commission, and many others held meetings, issued leaflets, formed emergency committees.

Had it not rained torrentially most of Wednesday afternoon and evening the result might have been most tragic in terms of racial strife. On the following night, which was extremely hot and sultry, hearts beat with trepidation, while the police were ready at an instant's notice, to pounce upon any evidence of disorder.

FIRST BREAK COMES

The first real break came at 5:00 pm Thursday, when the government order came over the radio explaining that the Army was taking over. From that moment it was much simpler to keep matters in hand. Even an inflammatory speech made by Leader James H. McMenamin to his fellow strikers immediately after the government order was issued, and which, for some unknown reason was recorded and rebroadcast to the city by Station WIP, failed to deter the Negro and white masses from their determination to stand by law and order, help America win the war, and salvage from this debacle at least some shreds of honor and decency for the city of Philadelphia.

Thus it remained until Saturday night. How Philadelphians ever lived thru those five sweltering, oppressive, dark days without hurling themselves at each others' throats would remain a mystery did we not know that in the North most Americans have some understanding of what democracy is all about, and what it requires in the way of civic responsibility.

About 7:00 pm. Saturday, Major General Philip Hayes announced that strike leaders would be arrested, the cars would run with or without the employees (that the recalcitrant employees would either go into the Armed Forces or be summarily dismissed from their jobs), and that the President's Order would be carried out to the letter.

Too much praise cannot be heaped upon our great President and Commander-in-Chief for letting "freedom ring" by using our arms to fight fascism at home as well as abroad, and upon the stalwart CIO which remained throughout the crisis like Gibraltar, against every suggestion that the race issue should be thrown to the winds.

The progressives, not only of Philadelphia but of the nation, have won one of their most notable victories. But it was a narrow squeak. Only an eyelash separated us from defeat and a colossal loss. Negro progressives in particular need to get "hep." The time to consolidate and to organize is right now. A hundred separate actions are not the answer. Another time (and there will be another time soon, no doubt), only united action, with clear firm, decisive and responsible leadership, where we can be sure that the great masses of the people, especially our own, are under control and discipline, will stave off catastrophe.

'Uncle Tomming' Must Go!

Dear Sirs—I have been a reader of your paper for a long while and I must say it's the best democracy making paper printed. I have been reading what Paul Robeson, Lena Horne and scores of others are doing to brush up Negro in the theatre. I wish someone could reach the producers of the musical comedy, HI-HO.

The play has scores of good comedians, including such a player as Spide Bruce. Most of the fellows down there are up in arms because it is a real "Uncle Tom" show, blackface, dialect, and all. And to cap the climax, ye were forced to occupy seats on the side and rear!

If people like the HI-HO group don't stop what they're doing, men like Robeson a[illegible] working in vain.—M. J. BORDENONE, S2/c, Gunnery Ran[illegible] Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

The People:

QUESTION

Edited by Llewellyn Ransom

Do you think the Congressional Primary victories of Vito Marcantonio, an Italian progressive, and Adam Clayton Powell, a Negro progressive, are indicative of the people's growing demand for the actual practice of human brotherhood?

Tereh C. Smith, teacher of eye education, Atlanta, Ga.: Yes. The sufferings of a war-torn world clearly prove the old way of limited rights for the people is dying. The people are awakening to this, and their demands will be recognized.

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Evelyn Loveday housewife, Brookline, Mass.: The fact that an Italian and a Negro candidate won is unimportant in itself, since all humans are of one family. This victory is important because the people are beginning to forget racial distinctions and are reflecting upon what the man stands for.

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Rosemary Sale, lecturer and traveler, Montreal, P.Q.: Any person who lives according to the spirit of the age will give the power of expression to all. Any principle that does not uphold the welfare of all humanity holds within itself the seeds of self-destruction.

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Salvador Torres, CPA, Buenos Aires, Argentina: People are looking beyond class, party, racial and religious barriers, and seek men who represent principles of human brotherhood. The world is a living organism that must function as one.

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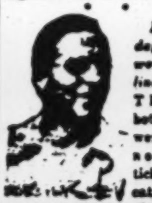

Lionel Loveday, shipyard worker, Brookline, Mass.: Yes. The fact that both these men were elected on non-partisan tickets is indicative that they represent the people and not a party. When we attempt to vote party politics we invariable lose the ideal goal of human brotherhood.

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

JEFFERSON CITY, Md.—Lincoln University's school of journalism, which has had hard sledding since its opening a couple of years ago, will re-open this fall, it was announced. The school, which was set up to offset the suit of Lucille Bluford against the school of journalism of Missouri's State University, was about to close last spring, because it virtually had more teachers than students. The same thing happened to the law school, which will also re-open. Armistead S. Pride, recently honorably discharged from the army, will head the journalism school.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Joe Buford, well known poolroom operator who died in May, left his entire estate of more than $100,000 to Miss Lottie Bush, because she had cared for him and "cheered" him for more than 20 years.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—What states'-rights programs of post-war reconstruction would mean to Negro citizens of the South is strikingly illustrated by the Alabama department of conservation, which announced last week that it planned to spend two millions on the development of state parks after the war. Reminded that none of the seven parks is available to Negroes, Ben C. Mangum, state director of conservation, replied in so many words: "So sorry, please."

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YAZOO CITY, Miss.—Determined that Natchez College, Baptist denominational school, should be free of debt, delegates to the 80th annual session of the Mississippi convention laid $65,000 on the table to pay off the $49,000 debt and leave a balance sufficient to bring about the school's standardization.

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HAMPTON, Va.—With the purpose of organizing into one body all Negro teachers of handicapped children, the National Society of Special Education was organized here last week. Hampton is the only Negro college offering summer courses in the education of the deaf and blind. Mrs. I. M. Thomas, principal of the Scotland (La.) School for the Blind, is the president.

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RALEIGH, N. C.—The Farm Security Administration, with all its ups and downs, enabled James Sanders to own his farm after a lifetime of struggle. The 53-year-old farmer attained his goal by paying off his 40-year farm purchase loan of $4,300 in two years, thereby setting a record for others to follow. He was awarded the Government Merit Award by FSA last year for "outstanding production of vital war crops."

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NEW ORLEANS, La.—Nobody predicted hair-pulling affrays between women street car conductors and female passengers, but that is what happened here—only worse. As a result, the conductor is in the hospital and the passenger under arrest. It all happened when Mrs. Alice Burke had her foot and arm jammed by the closing of the streetcar door at the signal of Mrs. Quigley, the conductor. Having taken her seat, an argument ensued, and when the conductor threatened to slap Mrs. Burke, the latter placed a well-aimed right hook to the jaw of Mrs. Quigley, and then tossed her out of the window. Civic organizations are rendering aid to Mrs. Burke.

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BOSTON—With interracial and unity committees springing up all over the place, a number of well-trained Negroes are obtaining positions as executive secretaries of these groups. Mrs. Anne Thompson Reid, Simmons College graduate and recipient of a master's degree from Boston University, was last week appointed executive secretary of the Massachusetts Citizens' Committee for Racial Unity.

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MEMPHIS—Negro businessmen are concerned over their post-war future. The theme for the annual convention of the National Negro Business League, which meets Aug. 29-31 in Birmingham, will be "The Post-War Future of Negro Business Enterprises." Dr. J. E. Walker, president, is advocating sound business training in secondary schools and colleges. He has already warned the members of the expected keen post-war competition, and has asked for a vigorous program, with more publicity and wider expansion.

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CINCINNATI—The CIO Political Action Committee is apparently leaving few stones unturned in its activities to elect progressive local and national government officials. Miss Anne Mason, a field representative, arrived here last week to lead an intensive registration campaign among Ohio Negro women. Her plans call for work in Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Youngstown.

WILLIAM HOWARD WILCOX who joined the staff of the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 105 Schermerhorn St., August 1. Mr. Wilcox' duties will be those of a social investigator as a member of the staff of the Society's Children Protective Service.

OPA Summons Violators Of Service Ceilings

The OPA continued its drive to keep down the charges of cost-of-living services, such as shoe repairing, dry cleaning, tailoring and hand laundry, by obtaining Magistrates Court summonses against 75 store proprietors charging them with failure to prepare and file essential pricing records with their local Price and Rationing Boards, it was announced by regional OPA authorities this week.

Concentrating in Manhattan on shoe repair shops, summonses were issued against 46 proprietors. There are 24 cases scheduled for the Harlem Magistrates Court on August 10 and 9 in Washington Heights, on August 17.

In the Bronx, summonses were issued against 9 service stores, including shoe repair, tailoring, hand laundries and auto storage and repair shops. Service stores which failed to file pricing records with the local OPA boards, showing the fees they charged for services during the base period will be prosecuted.

Texas Leaders Endorse The People's Voice

Leading persons in and near Galveston, Tex., have endorsed PV, it was learned from H. S. Willis, pastor of St. Luke's Baptist Church and president of the Galveston branch of the NAACP; the Rev. L. S. Rubin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Texas City; the Rev. A. L. Bagely, pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church; A. W. McDonald, president, National Baptist Laymen's League; the Rev. P. A. Jones, pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Dickinson.

Others who are pushing the Voice are the Rev. M. S. Simmons, pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church in LaMarque; Eddie Morgan, supervisor of colored help of the Moody Co.; A. C. Scarlett; Dr. G. L. Prince, president of the National Baptist Convention, Dr. E. H. Thompson, pastor, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church and others.

Dis-Order Day

With the Red Army getting closer and closer to Berlin, Adolf Hitler will probably begin issuing Dis-Orders of the Day.

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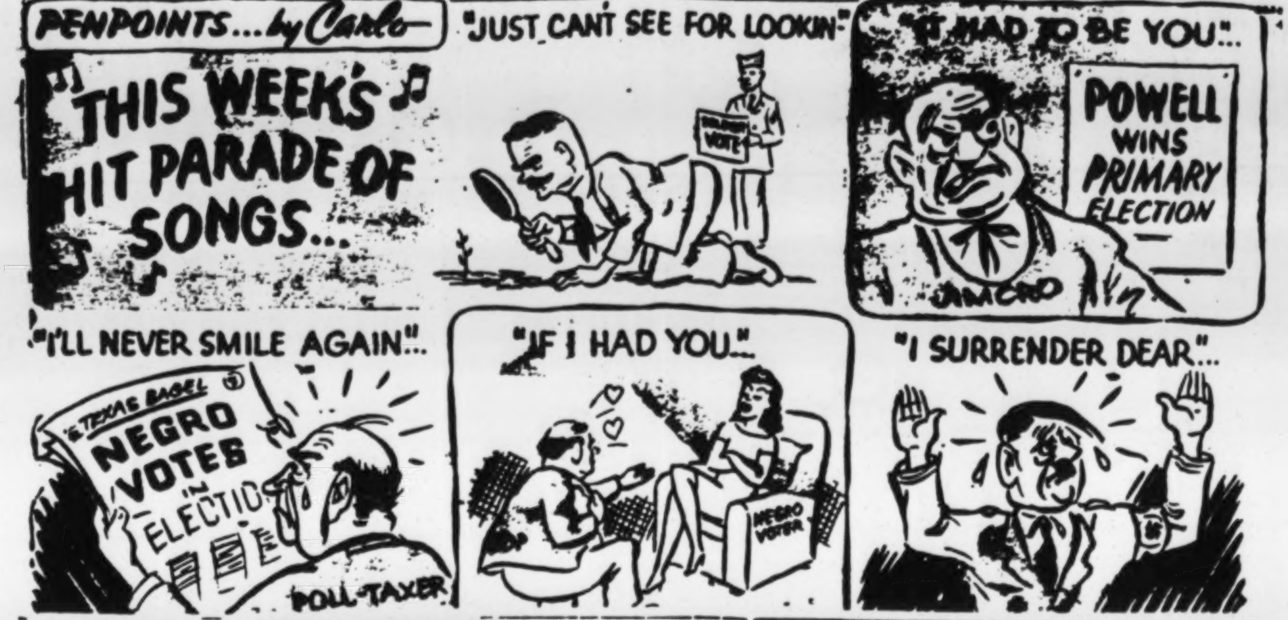

Home Boy Says

by Joe Bostic

OLD MAN, I'm ready to drop a gob of them briny bubbles on each and every stud and chick after the way a fine hype that I dreamed up went down crummy last seven. Each and every bright I've been stached on the main stroll eye-balling a hustle that's fine and I figured to put down on a lower case of the same hype and knock myself a few of them dead presidents. The way them kids put down on the heavy god, it's a natchel freezeout for all kids that ain't stickin' with at least an ace or deuce of lamb's tongues. I'm hip that you're booted on the gee gee tip. Well these high powered wagon snatchers lay a gang of hard gallops each and every seven at some jockey pads at different spots around your fine Uncle's Rand-McNally. Most of the time the issue jumps off in the outskirts of the ace burg. These slick studs figure out how the deal is gonna go down with the oat burners and then put down this heavy gold. I dug that most of the time they tout the play bad and the bank roll kid beats them for all that gold. I figured that I knew a raft of kids that would go for issue if the laydown was on the light gold side. Since old sol was knocking me a duster, I mashed the three ball stud both my blankets and a deuce of drapes that I fall out in Easter. I come up with a double saw and stached myself in front of the pimp steak joy mill and hipped the zooted studs that they could get action for a blip, double blip or a gas meter. They boofed that it was a fine deal and that they'd git down with some action the next bright. At a dozen chimes of the big ben I stached myself to cop this action. A gang of the hepters fell in with that small gold. I knew I was a lead pipe cinch to wash them away. Most of them got down on the same glue pot. Well the nag breezed and I got washed.

Way late somebody pulled my coat that a hip little stud had copped some good info and passed it around for a double blip each. Tough deal, Home.

TRANSLATION: Homeboy saw bookmakers operating on a corner and decided to do the same on a small scale. He'd accept only five, ten and twenty-five cent bets in his book. Accordingly he pawned two overcoats and two suits to get a twenty-dollar bankroll [illegible] he took up business in front of [illegible] Homeboy [illegible]. They all [illegible] promised and all bet on the same horse. Homeboy was bankrupt. He later found that one of the [illegible] had gotten a tip and sold it to each bettor at ten cents each. Bad luck, opines Homeboy.

PRIMARIES ARE OVER:
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NOVEMBER WE VOTE:

Girl of the week!

RUTH JONES is the kind of girl most fellows have in mind when they speak of something "very special." . . . Just 17 and student of Commerce Hi, she'd qualify for the bobby sox brigade except that she prefers Haymes to Sinatra. . . . She's New York born and just loves music—any kind of music. . . . She's a dress salesgirl and a part time model. . . Was winner of a recent "Miss Harlem" contest. What does she desire most? Marriage, kiddies (2), and a home. . . Uh uh, she hasn't picked out the guy yet. . . . Well, not for sure.

(Morgan Smith foto).

LITTLE LUTHER

"I agree, of course, with Gov. Dewey," Little Luther began. "You agree with Gov. Dewey!" exclaimed his father. "At last, my son, you seem to be seeing the light." "Yes," said Little Luther, "I agree with Gov. Dewey that it was a dastardly plot to nominate Bricker on the Gerald L. K. Smith ticket."

"Right, my boy, right you are." Mr. Dilworth beamed.

"I think it was a conspiracy," said Little Luther.

"That it was indeed," assented Mr. Dilworth. "A contemptible conspiracy."

"And yet," said Little Luther, "it takes more than one to make a conspiracy. Look up your law books."

"It does indeed," said Mr. Dilworth. "No doubt some Democrat determined to drive democracy to despair diddled in this despicable drama."

"Or perhaps," suggested Little Luther, "Gov. Bricker was one of the conspirators. That day on Dewey's front porch when he said he had no objection to G. L. K. Smith's votes he invited himself to be Smith's running mate."

"Luther," said his father, "you grieve me. Every time I think you're getting on the right track, you say something like that."

"Father," said Little Luther, "any time an old mossback like you thinks I'm on the right track, it's time for a smart boy like me to get off the train and walk back—I'll know I'm headed for no good."

Advertising Plug?

Liquor dealers are wondering if—instead of the customary The End sign—the new 20th Century-Fox picture Wilson will close with That's All.

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CHURCH

AT THE 18TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary, July 31-Aug. 4, meeting at Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Houston, Tex. leading knights spoke to some 300 delegates from all over the country. They included knights from New York, Detroit, Chicago, Louisville, New Orleans and Dallas. Some of the speakers are shown in the above panel pictures. John W. Rice of Dallas, leading educator, is shown delivering the principal address at the public meeting.

Holy Convocation At United House of Prayer

The United House of Prayer opened its first meeting Sunday, August 6, of the annual Holy Convocation at 20 W 115 st and will hold sessions nightly until Sunday, August 13, at which time Bishop C. M. Grace will speak and conduct baptismal services. There are more than 200 candidates listed for baptism and in addition is the Grace American Peace Parade, directed by Bishop Grace at 3 pm, up Lenox av from 115th st and down Fifth av to the church.

The general council members attending include Elders William Morrison, chairman; H. F. Spencer, clerk; E. T. Sims, attorney; Elders A. Price, Newport News, Va.; E. H. Hall, High Point, N. C.; M. A. Adams, Charlotte, N. C.; E. Johnson, Greer, S. C.; C. Howard, Spartanburg, S. C.; Joe Spivy, Clemson, S. C.; Charles Bush, Philadelphia; Joseph Cathcart, Rock Hill S. C.; B. A. Coleman, Charlotte, N. C.; Elder Eubanks, Anderson, S. C.; Elder S. T. Sims, Savannah, Ga.; Elder William Morrison, Baltimore; H. F. Spencer, Washington; and other delegates from states throughout the seaboard, Tennessee and Michigan.

Bishop Grace, founder of the House of Prayer, arrived Tuesday with a thirty piece band from New Bedford, Mass. Special sessions are held every morning at 11 am and gospel services are held nightly at 7:30 with Bishop Grace presiding. The picnic will be held at Pelham Bay Park, Friday, August 11. All are invited to attend these services and the baptism in the open air, Sunday, August 13, at the church on 115 st.

Adam Powell Will Preach At Abyssinian on Sunday

Adam Clayton Powell, ordered to rest since his strenuous campaign for Congress, has been in seclusion at his summer home at Oak Bluffs, Mass., having been sent there a few days before his campaign closed, on orders of his physician.

As PV went to press, news was received that the minister is largely recovered from the exhaustion brought on by his sound truck appearances and other campaign activities, and he will preach this Sunday at Abyssinian Baptist Church, his first appearance since his successful primary elections race for Congress.

Methodists Name Officers

CHICAGO — Officials of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting here last week to name officers and members of the various commissions and boards of the organization, appointed a number of Negro clergymen to bodies which will have jurisdiction in fields involving both white and Negro persons.

St. Andrew's Rebuilding

The restoration of the building of St. Andrew's P. E. Church, at 5th av and 127 st, and the rebuilding of its once large membership are the tasks undertaken by the parishioners of this church, under the leadership of the Rev. Perry R. Duncan, who assumed this pastorate last February.

St. Andrews, in a neighborhood once white and now almost entirely Negro, is housed in a splendid large building which has deteriorated through lack of care. Thousands of dollars will have to be subscribed to complete work there. The names of donors will be inscribed in a "Golden Book" to be kept in the church archives.

In addition to the reconstruction program, the Rev. Mr. Duncan is eager to see the community take an interest in this work as a demonstration of fellowship and brotherhood despite the changing neighborhood.

Singer Aids St. James'

The young people of the St. James Presbyterian Church are rallying behind their elders and doing their share in supporting the church's renovating fund, by presenting this week under the direction of Edward Hinton, two Mexican plays.

Under the energetic sponsorship of Mrs Shelby Rooks, more widely known as Dorothy Maynor, a group of youngsters are busy helping with the making of costumes, selling tickets and doing other odd chores.

Although a "Young People's Drama Group" has been for some time a vital part of the youth program at St. James, the presence of Miss Maynor added a spark of enthusiasm that was the incentive for urging the youngsters into the almost unheard of feat of presenting with only two short, but difficult plays, after a short rehearsal.

BERT KING, associate secretary of the National Council of the Student Christian Association, who will occupy the pulpit of the St. James Presbyterian Church for four Sundays, beginning August 13, during the vacation of the regular pastor, the Rev. Mr. Rooks.

One God---One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

[*First Installment*]

IF CHRIST were in the world today would He be concerned w politics? Would His ordained servants mix politics with th pastoral duties? These are questions the enemies of Rev. Adam Clay Powell, Jr, answer in their own vicious way. T writing does not concern them. It ignores th completely.

RICHARDSON

But there are thousands of friends of Rev. Pow who would like to have the matter frankly d cussed. To them I say these things.

POLITICS AS WE MEAN IT

By politics we mean that facet of human e deavor which has to do with the government the community, the state, the nation—the citize We mean all that concerns party affiliations, votin district leadership and all of the techniques and instrumentalities th go with such organizations.

When we say a minister should be a politician, we mean he shou be a powerful and respected voice of his and all people in matt of government. We mean he may seek and attain office and carry it the dignity, ethics, wisdom, and Godliness that bespeak his callin We mean that although the church and state should be fore separate, at the price of bloodshed if necessary, yet an ordained m can attain and discharge an office with credit to his profession a constituency!

The people's needs are collective. They are economic, political, a religious—among others.

No man or woman can pretend to serve the people in any f ence without moving in these spheres of human activity. T minister—it matters not of what faith—must be schooled in t economic and political currents that determine the lives of the peop he pastors. Any evading this responsibility on the false grounds th it is not godly or Christ-like to be so worldly is a direct lie in th fact about Christ and His mission.

PROPHETS SPOKE OF GOVERNMENT

The will of God was made known to the rulers of the land b His spokesmen, the Prophets. Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah, and Isaiah a addressed themselves to the people and the government that ruled the They spoke in an effort to insure justice, goodness, and a real conce for the practical welfare of the people.

Isaiah, the great prophet of the coming of Christ, said in spea ing of the Master, long before His advent, "The government sha be upon His shoulders" (Isaiah IX:VI).

Indeed, when Christ at the age of thirty started his short-liv ministry, the burden of His people's political destiny fell heavily up Him. The Jews at that time were yet in a bondage as real as had be their lot in Egypt in the days of Moses and the Pharaohs. Rome was t taskmaster; the evils of stark imperialism wrought havoc with the freedom, limited their culture and harassed their efforts toward raci and national integrity. The savior of Judah had to be a politician. Jud was enslaved by a politically ingenious nation.

OTHER VOICES SPEAK

In discussing the issue let us hear the astute statements of oth minds in other days. They lend company to my views.

Pastor Naumann of Frankfort, writing long before the evil da of Hitler and his godless hordes, said of Jesus in his learned "T Social Program of the Evangelical Church," 1866, "Jesus is a ma of the people." Therefore He was a man who dealt with their man needs in all the varied spheres of their living. Christ was no wish washy, half weeping mystic! He was dynamic. His notions we clear and He prosecuted his ideals with the seasoned drive of a tr leader. Naumann elsewhere says of Christ, "He is on moral ground a radical enemy of capitalism." A good pastor must be a collectivis Capitalism as the world has it today would irk Christ as it wound us who are its victims.

The fight against the evils of monopolies and cartels and "h off" competition must be carried on in the nation's Congress primaril A "people's" man must go there or be heard there—to combat th system that throttles humanity in its trundle bed.

Speaking of ultimates, Naumann says, "What are the tests of th Last Judgment? Not dogmas or confessions, but one's relation t human need." This is as true a measure of human worth as any peop can complete. It works for Jew, Gentile, theist or atheist!

A final quote from this pastor says, "Any age which does n feed the hungry, care for the naked, and visit sick and the prisoner belongs in the everlasting fire." Such a nation or age does belong in th fire of destruction and I vouchsafe, as history has proved, the purgin fires of a awaking people will destroy such tyranny always!

A minister must look to the social welfare of his people at th headwaters whence such matters stem. It is the responsibility of government to care for its people in health and sickness, in work o play. The minister must be politician enough to help bring this desire end to pass.

[Next week: Christ and the Nation]

Weekly Text: Thy Way, O God, Is Holy; Who Is So Great A God As Our God.—Psalm 77:13

REV. TOLLIE CAUTION, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, N.Y.

Church Briefs

Bethel AME church is continuing its daily vacation Bible class thru August because of the success it has enjoyed thus far. [illegible] Ray Payton, the director has classes for children of all ages and reports that the children are enthusiastically interested. Many of the children of the neighborhood have been sent off to camp through the work of various clubs in the church. Rev. Portlock is at present endeavoring to enjoy a short vacation but will return to start off a busy year in September.

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The Morningside Community Center was host to the visiting students and friends from Columbia university last Thursday at a roof-garden party. Rev. James Robinson of the Church of The Master, Morningside av corner 122 st showed moving pictures to the throng during intermission. The pictures were taken during his visits to the various colleges in the North and South.

The Rosicrucian Anthropomorphic League is holding their regular meetings at 8 pm each Sunday evening. Mr. John Peterson will speak this Sunday on the subject entitled "The Star Of Hope." There is a [illegible] symposium the first Thursday of each month and on alternate Thursday evenings there is a regular lecture and seminar for students of the League.

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Rev. J. N. C. Davis of the Davis Temple Community church, 200 W 131 st will deliver the annual sermon to be held in honor of his father at Greenlock, NJ, Sunday August 13, 1944. Rev. Davis was also the Baccalaureate preacher at Payne Theological Seminary & College of Birmingham, Ala. on June 1, 1944. His church is one of the fastest growing and most progressive in the Harlem community.

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The choirs of St. Lukes Episcopal church, 141 st at Convent av are now in training for their fall and winter services program. The girls choir will sing at the 9 o'clock mass; the boys will sing at the 11 am services and the adult choir will render the music for the evensong services at 8 pm. Rev. Caution announces that the religious education services will be resumed during the weekdays beginning in September.

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HEADLINES Footlights

By FREDI WASHINGTON

FREDI

USO CAMP SHOWS, like everything else pertaining to the armed services and the War Department, have become a highly organized business accompanied by most of the good and bad features of American big business. But added to the ordinary headaches is the problem of trying to regiment the performer who is more or less an individual and can't seem to conform easily to regimentation.

True to the pattern (which I heard referred to as "ill fit") of segregation, the USO has created for itself much ill-will among the Negro soldiers and the performers. The pattern is consistent from the segregated unit to the segregated audience, both at home and abroad. As you might well imagine, this policy has been the cause of many of the headline names refusing to play camps and not volunteering for overseas duty.

Performers are not accustomed to playing to segregated audiences, nor are they necessarily confined to all-Negro shows in any of the mediums of the arts. Therefore the resentment they feel toward this policy is certainly understandable. Much of the rough going with which the USO has been beset is due in a large measure to this fact. However, no one who takes into consideration the overall picture of the role we must play in this nation divided against itself can condone the acts of the indiscreet behavior by some of the members of USO camp shows.

MOSELY AN EXCEPTION

Like everything else, there are always exceptions to the rule. And such exceptions are the units which Thomas (Tom) Mosely has managed for the past three years almost without interruption. Mosely, who is a veteran of the Lafayette Stock Players, has found a working method for his performers and troupes which has gained for him a profound respect and admiration from camp authorities, performers and headquarters alike. With a son in the front lines and one practicing medicine here in Harlem, Mosely understands what the fundamental issues of this war are. it has given him the stamina and patience to play not only the role of manager, which is loaded with detailed work, but to act as wet-nurse and counsellor to those in his charge. He is credited with having saved embarrassment and loss of jobs by the performer on numerous occasions.

Managers who head USO units are provided with a report sheet on which they report any and all deportment irregularities to headquarters. Such a report is also made by the commanding officer of each camp where a show plays. Mosely, while having his share of headaches and misconduct, has never seen fit to make such reports, but instead, approached the offenders with understanding and goodwill—with the result that in every case the matter was settled satisfactorily to all concerned. Never has a unit under Mosely's management been called on the carpet, which is somewhat of a record for both white and Negro.

Mosely is probably unique in the USO setup in so far as he too is allowed to map his own routes.. Every camp in which he has played during these three years requests his return and from these ll he has the privilege of naming those he will play.

SANDY BURNS HELPS

Because a Negro unit is always faced with the problem of accommodations (in the North as well as the South), Mosely does not trust this vital phase of the work to another, but does it himself. And he does it by telephone, wire and mail, to make sure that when his group arrives in a town, there is no question as to where they will stay. He realizes full well that you cannot expect a good performance, or indeed a willing one, from actors who are refused accommodations after traveling under war-time regulations.

To facilitate his many activities, Mosely has as his "good man riday" Sandy Burns, the veteran comedian who is crusading in his own way for better performer deportment, and I might add, doing a good job as it seen by the results.

Mosely is an example of what can be done under trying circumstances, for indeed it has not been easy for a man of his gentleness in his late years, to run ahead on into the worst kind of southern prejudice and at the same time be responsible for a group of people, who, through their blind resentment, are apt to make bad matters worse. He has not done any "toming" either in order to get the harmony which exists between his units and those with whom they come into contact.

Those of us who know Tom are mighty proud of the record he has made for himself and his actors, for we realize it was not too long ago that the show seemingly had no place for an actor of his abilities and long experience. USO camp shows are lucky to have a man like Tom Mosely and we likewise are fortunate to be represented by him, for with every contact he makes he creates a good impression for the Negro at large. This is what we need, for when those of us who are in a position to form an opinion do so by provoking intelligent thought, then, we are headed in the right direction.

AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM—Seven-year old David Lee, youngest member "Carmen Jones" cast in which he leads the commandos every evening, has decided to turn over his earnings from now on to the purchase of War Bonds because he wants Hitler and all of h stooges out of the way as soon as possible. By the time he, his brother and his baby sister gr he told PV's fotographer this week, he figures he will have saved enough to put them through c His father is a defense worker and he has two uncles in the Army. David is shown here over his pay to Robert Milford, manager of the "Carmen Jones" company, who will see to it is used in the purchase of bonds—(PV foto).

Boston Nite Club Riot Averted By National Anthem and Hampto

The Tic Toc Cafe, one of Boston's most popular dine and dance spots, was c
Friday night. August 4th. It was midnight and the featured band was the famou
"Fatha" Hines. There were perhaps four hundred people in the nite-spot; half of
were Negroes. The hour for the stage show had come but a Negro sailor was no
through with his solo dance from the last selection. The music for the show beg
the other guests went to their tables to await the performance, excepting the sailor who insisted on dancing the night out, in spite of the fact that he had neither partner nor music.

A white Shore Policeman went quietly over to the sailor and asked him to leave the floor and find a seat with the other patrons. The sailor had different ideas about the matter and ignored the SP's request and continued his solo boogie. The show was already ten minutes late. Another SP joined the first and attempted to reason with the rhythmic gob—all in vain. The sailor wrenched himself free and continued his gyrations—feet and arms flying.

By this time the patrons were annoyed at the sailor's spoiling their evening and said so. The two SP's attempted to march the sailor from the floor and simultaneously Negro servicemen from every quarter of the cafe reached for bottles, chairs, and all available weapons, and started a march toward the shore patrolmen. White patrons armed themselves similarly and came to meet the Negroes.

HAMPTON ACTS

All this time Lionel Hampton whose band is currently breaking all records at the RKO Boston, was sitting at a table. When he realized what was happening, he jumped to the stage and signaled the band to stop playing. Then he led the musicians into the "Star Spangled Banner"! Everyone came to attention and paid due respect to the national anthem, with hands [illegible] and elbows. When it was over the seething fury was gone, the sailor went to a table and sat down. The SP's walked away. The guests returned to their tables, and all was peace again.

Hampton by this time had taken the band over. He was clapping out his mad rhythm. the band
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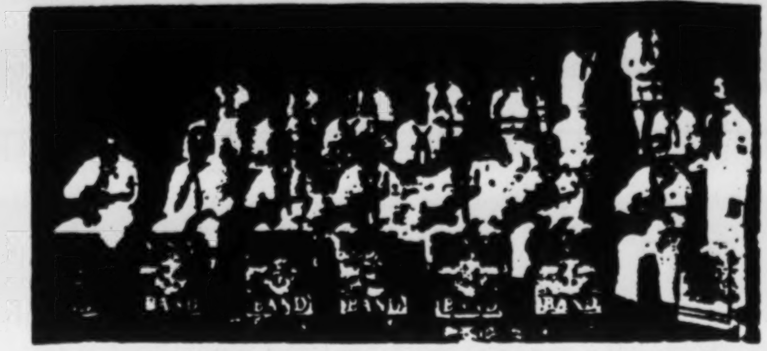

THE SENSATIONAL SWING BAND of the U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois, is heard every Saturday night on the "MEN O' WAR" radio show, (11:00-11:30 CWT) over station WBBM, Chicago and the Columbia Broadcasting System. "Men O' War" is the only all Negro service show presented weekly over a radio network—(US Navy foto).

Nat'l Negro Opera Co. Hits Snag in Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Troubles continued to plague the National Negro Opera Company as, fresh from a split in the organization after their New York performance of "La Traviata," they opened at the Watergate in the nation's capital to present the opera "Faust" before an audience which was much smaller than had been anticipated because of two successive days of rain. Nevertheless, some 3,500 ticketholders were present for the opening.

After an hour's wait the curtain went up on the first scene. Chauncey Brown was singing the title role, and guest artist Ralph Herbert was the Mephistopheles. When this scene ended, the audience had another wait in store, while Nat'l Negro Opera officials tried desperately to settle backstage difficulties.

Chorus, principals, technicians, were clamoring for their money—or, at least, the agent of the American Guild of Musical Artists was on hand to see that there was no performance until wages had been paid to these persons. It was almost 10:30 pm before enough money had been collected to meet the emergency and pay the principals and technicians. Members of the chorus waived their claims, so the show was ready to go on.

The only remaining problem now was how to satisfy the audience, who had already waited two hours for their opera, by giving a complete performance when the deadline for leaving Watergate was midnight, and park police stood by to see that this regulation was complied with.

At any rate enough of the opera was finally presented before the deadline so that it was not necessary to issue return checks or refunds to the patient spectators. As for the singers and orchestra, now under way, they performed as well as could be expected under their not inconsiderable difficulties.

Theatre Handbook Review

In her criticism of the Theatre Handbook, by Bernard Sobel, Leotha Hackshaw, publicist, director for the Harlem branch of the IWO says that the chapter on the Negro does not show the growth of the Negro in the American theatre. She suggests "that the author might have written his manuscript before 1940 or is not sufficiently familiar with the Negro in the theatrical fields.

Lucasta to Broadway

The stirring play *Anna Lucasta* which has been playing at the 135 St Basement Theatre by the American Negro Theatre, will open at the Mansfield Theatre on August 30.

First Orchestral Work

Philippa Schuyler, musical prodigy, and daughter of the Pittsburgh Courier's Geo. S. Schuyler, celebrated her 13th birthday last week by the performance of her first orchestral work, *Manhattan Nocturne*, a composition scored for 100 pieces. Philippa, who began composing music at the age of three, hopes to complete a symphony during her 14th year, and eventually to achieve recognition as an outstanding American composer.

Police Department Show

The Juvenile Aid Bureau of the Police Department is sponsoring, through the Police Athletic League, an Allied Victory Show and Dance August 16 in the square at 153rd st between 8th av and Macombs pl. The show will honor the worldwide struggle of the Allied Nations and will feature entertainment by the Dramatic Club of the Col. Young Center, songs by the Col. Young Glee Club, and will be followed by dancing.

Huge Festival Held in Detroit

DETROIT—One of the largest racially mixed audiences in recent times assembled at the Briggs Stadium last week to attend a festival honoring the contribution of Negroes to American culture. An interracial choir of more than 1,000 voices was conducted by Harold Tallman of Wayne University and Marvin DuPre of the DuPre Victorian Choir.

Among the outstanding artists on the program were Langston Hughes, poet; Don Ameche, movie star; Eddie (Rochester) Anderson, radio and movie star; Mme Lillian Evanti, opera singer; LeRoy Smith's orchestra; W. C. Handy, composer; Lawrence Watson, tenor; Mme Pia Igy, soprano of the European Opera House; Richard Bonelli, baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Association, and others.

New Play for Fall

Stephen Kelen-d'Oxylion is in New York with the finished version of *Polk County*, a comedy of Negro life in a new mill camp. Lyrics and music were written by Zora Neale Thurston and Dorothy Waring. Production is scheduled for early fall. Casting will begin the latter part of August.

Guild's Summer Festival

The Negro Actors Guild of America, Inc., will hold its seventh annual summer festival at the Lido Ballroom and Terrace, 160 W 146th st, Saturday night, August 19, from 3 pm to 2 am.

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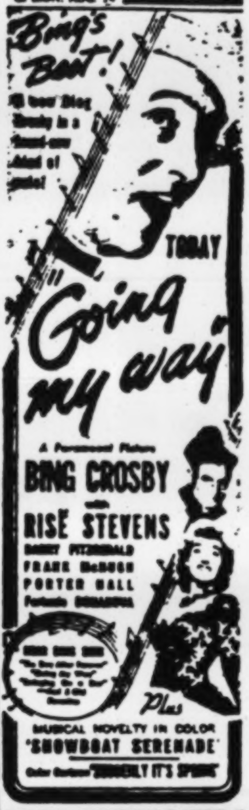
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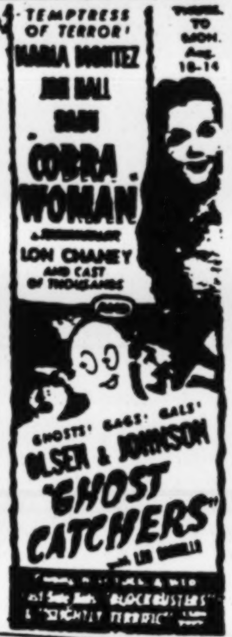
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MARIAN ANDERSON, noted contralto, on a visit to the headquarters of the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee in New York, Friday, to honor the committee's donation of medical and surgical supplies to the Fathers of St. Edmund Hospital in Selma, Ala. With her are Arthur Kunzinger, treasurer of the committee and Dr. Joseph Folson, a committee member. St. Edmund's is the first Negro civilian hospital to receive an endowment from the committee. The packing cases being inspected by Miss Anderson contain $2,000 worth of equipment, such as anesthetics, obstetrical instruments, vitamin pills, splints, and other surgical instruments.

Rhythm in New Caledonia

Pfc. Michael E. DuBissett, 550 W 155th st, son of Dr. M. E. DuBissette, formerly of NYC, but now of Goldsboro, N. C., is serving in New Caledonia, where he is maestro and trumpet player with the Quartermaster Band, bringing hot and sweet music to soldier audiences at Red Cross Centers, USO shows, hospitals and service clubs.

Johnson Choir on Air

The Hall Johnson Choir presented another in its WMCA series of traditional spirituals and folk music last Sunday afternoon. The weekly series, interpreting the inner meanings of Negro life through music, is presented under the auspices of the City-Wide Citizens' Committee on Harlem, by special endowment of WMCA. Program notes, narrated by Lee James, are written by Mr. Johnson and Producer Howard Phillips.

New Composers' Radio Program

Harlem's own Sam Manning, well known in theatre, night club, and music circles, has been secured by Ted Gottlieb and Hy Siegel of the Rainbow Music Shop, 102 W 125 st. as manager of their newly organized Apollo Musical Enterprises, Inc.

The object of the new company is to afford an outlet for the talents of songwriters who have never had a chance to get their work before the public. Beginning Sunday, September 9, from 5-5:30 pm over WMCA, Manning will conduct a weekly radio program, "Songwriters' Opportunity Service" where the songs of new writers will be introduced to the public, with a chance for recordings and marketing.

A Amateur competition for members of the armed services will be held.

Noted Baritone To Star In Army Musical Show

FORT DIX—Cpl. James Boxwill, noted Negro baritone, will be featured in the Army's new blueprint musical, *Hi Yank*, now in rehearsal at Fort Dix, N.J., officials announced. Boxwill, who has appeared at Town Hall, the Capitol and Roxy Theatres, and with the Hall Johnson Choir, has been in the Army for three years, doing Special Services work primarily.

Brock Pemberton, Broadway producer, and James Riley, chief of the American Theatre Wing, witnessing recent rehearsals, predicted that Boxwill's singing would be one of the high spots in what promises to be one of the best all-GI show ever produced. After a test performance at Dix on August 7, *Hi Yank* will be reproduced for worldwide distribution to the Armed Forces.

HATTIE McDANIEL, Academy Award winner in 1940 and well known to film fans, has now turned her talents to writing. The book is based on Hattie's belief in the phrase, "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves." The actress is currently performing film chores before Sol Lesser's cameras in his riotous comedy, "Three Is a Family."

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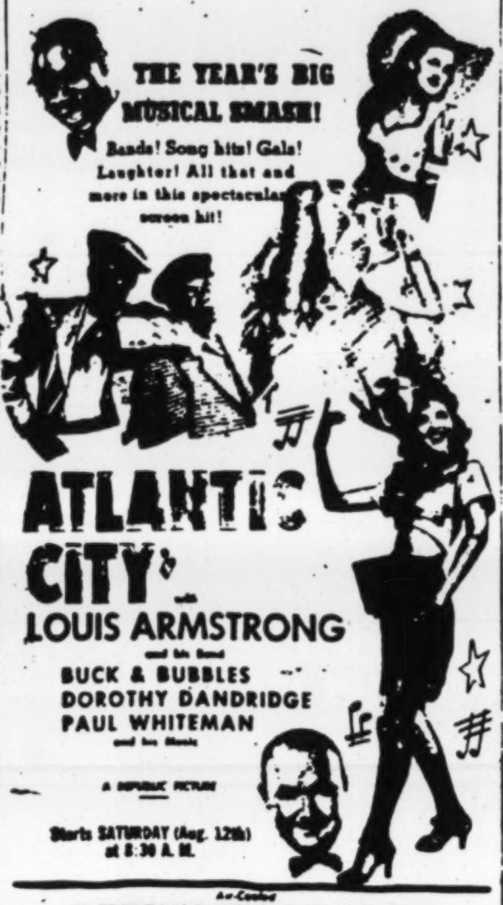
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WHERE THEY ALL MEET

MAN ABOUT HARLEM

By JACK TROTTER

Brad W. Griffith, special Anheuser-Busch representative, is said by those in the know, to be the smartest beverage salesman on their books. Brad, they say, never sought to force a sale upon customers even when his company's beer was plentiful, has all the tricks and knacks of swinging punches from the inside in order to keep this scarce but much wanted liquid freely flowing on the counters of his treasured trade... And as if you didn't already know it, we're again spilling the good news of Wellworth Taverns substantial home cooked meals that are a daily feature to a long, long line of regular customers... Elks Rendezvous' good natured manager Johnny Burns, is taking things hot and happy during these days of torrid temperatures, superinduced of course by those singing, twisting, beautiful thrushes who make up the charming backgrounds of the rendezvous' electric nite shows... Lucky Roberts, the "prince charming" of song [illegible] and B'way-Hollywood musical extravaganzas, has [illegible] away from the big "Uncle's" programs of armed forces entertainment long enough to be seen visiting his own Moonlight Cocktail Renvous occasionally.

Walter Haynes and Andrew (Bump) Williams, master-mixers at Pop's bar-grill on upper Amsterdam ave are blowing kisses at the ever increasing bar traffic shouldering into the old stand... George Gordon (the bronze adonis) co-manager of the New Heat Wave is staging a series of political big meets every Friday nite "Novelly" interspersing the speakers with house and guest artists to provide new interest and entertainment for this new kind of nite club audience.

Walter Dennis, the affable director and a goodly number of the band of Murrain's Seventh av hot spot are enjoying a two weeks' furlough from hot jazz in the current hot weather. Fats Frederick spent part of his at Camp Unity and longs for more of the fine fun to be had at the upstate resort.

The boys fell into the Bowman-Pat-Man "[illegible]" to watch Beulah Bullock's fashion show and took over the bandstand to a little "jamming" and really sent the crowd after stopping at the bar... And what a bevy of beauteous babes were there, 'twas groovey Jack.

Dropped into [illegible] elegant air-conditioned supper club after the [illegible] last week where Pvt. [illegible] Jack was guest of honor among a host of other celebrities. This kind of spot bids fair to be headquarters for hob-nobbing among the smart-set from the Nose-way downtown.

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Bobby Evans A Star Again; But This Time in GI Musical

Sgt. Bobby Evans, former dancing star of New York's Cotton Club, Charlie Foy's Hollywood, and other famous hot spots, will be featured in the Army's newest blue-print soldier-show, "Hi Yank," now in rehearsal at Fort Dix, New Jersey, officials announced today. Sgt. Evans, native San Franciscan, was billed in Hollywood as *Sophistication de Browse*, and has been recognized as one of the country's finest entertainers by Walter Winchell, Hedda Hopper, and the coterie of New York and West Coast critics.

Sgt. Evans, who played opposite Theresa Harris in *Flame Of New Orleans*, starring Marlene Dietrich, was enroute to Hollywood for feature roles in *Cabin In The Sky* and *Stormy Weather* when the Army interrupted his plans. Until he joined the cast of *Hi Yank* he was doing Special Service work at Fort Dix. His original act titled *Fifty-second Street* will be a high point in the show, according to Capt. Hy Gardner of Ft. Dix, who is in charge of production.

After the war, Sgt. Evans has announced his intention of opening a smart supper club in San Francisco, although movie offers still look mighty tempting.

Night of Stars

PHILADELPHIA — The first series of attractions, to be known as a *Night Of The Stars*, will be presented by the NAACP, Friday, September 15, at the Mercantile Hall. The cast will include Miss Camilla Williams, soprano; Miss Ellen Warren, soprano; Miss Vivian Rolen, mezzo-soprano; Miss Constance Stokes, mezzo-soprano; Nathaniel Dickenson, baritone; and William Ellis, tenor.

Odds & Ends

CHICAGO—This town gone completely ga-ga over the opening of Lena Horne scheduled at the Chez Paree Thursday night. . . . Her advance exploitation completely dominated the amusement pages of the local rags. . . . We didn't get to see her because of lack of time. . . . Did see the Ink Spots, who were working with only three voices as Happy was hospitalized. . . . Amazed that the unwritten law prohibiting the display of pix of Negro acts in front of theatres seems to still be in force here. . . . Ink Spots "stills" a huge spot of ink although all other acts on bill had their mugs plastered all over the front of the house.

Louis Jordan a smash click in his one nighter at the Savoy Sunday night. . . . Can't get a hotel room for love nor money. . . . Cleo Brown employed in a defense plant here. . . . Negro drivers operating busses. . . . At least on the South Parkway line where we rode. . . . By's there, Mademoiselle. . . . Town still talking about Cab Calloway's engagement in College Inn of Hotel Sherman.

NEW YORK—King Cole Trio will tour with the Benny Carter-Savannah Churchill unit. . . . Phil Terrel in from the Coast for a quick visit and conferences on bookings. . . . Malthe (Mickey) [illegible] sending the customers at Lucky's with his unusual tenor voice. . . . Edna Mae Harris prettier than ever at Murrain's and Robberings' arrangement of "Do No'hing, etc" in all minors a real treat at the same spot. . . . Betty Mays undoubtedly the most improved performer on the local scene will again get a feature spot in the next Rendezvous show Ralph Cooper tells the column. . . . Bunny Briggs: Dynamite in taps. . . . Estrelita, having recovered from her illness, is ready to resume with Apus on the vaude circuit.

Beatrice LaVoire wanted for Louise Rainer drama "Fanny" due on Broadway in October. . . . Savoy records wanting top talent waxing so many original tunes with great combos. It's great for the musicians but the public likes tunes they know and can whistle or hum. Eddie Heywood's "Begin The Beguine" is a case in point. . . . Cab Calloway still hasn't taken a stand on the jimcro seating policy at the Zanzibar. Now is the time to take a position. Nothing can be done AFTER he gets in. He might at least go on record as being resentful. If Paul Robeson could do it in the South, then Calloway should have the courage to do it in New York—Bostic.

Colonial Park Concert

The second in a series of community band concerts, sponsored by the YMCA will be held at Colonial Park outdoor auditorium, 147th st and Bradhurst av, Sunday, August 13th at 3 pm, featuring the YMCA military and concert band, under the leadership of Alphonse Dustine and Prof. Moses Mimms. Persons interested in joining the band may obtain further information at the Harlem Branch YMCA.

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A Dixie Mother's Plea

A Mississippi mother, whose name cannot be divulged, recently pleaded with her son here by letter to see what he could do "about the way white people do down here," since he is near the White House.

The letter, in the woman's own language, speaks for itself:

"Dear Son: Listen, Here is something I want to ask you? And I no it will have to be done under the cover. Listen—I wonder if their is anything can be done about the way white people do down here. Since you are near the White House, then we are.

"Listen to this—now they are trying to force people to work, and if they dont, they will pick them up, and send them to some farm.—Of course you no you have two little brothers back here and we want to do all we can to keep from slavery. So you see what the color people of Mississippi is up against.

"Read this letter careful, and look into what I said—and then burn it. I dont want the wrong people to get this letter because it is very importance. Something has got to be done about the laws down here. Please let me hear from you by return mail at once. I remain yours, mother."

"P.S. You must not use my name. It will have to be no-one because it will make it hard for me to live here, and its already hard enough."

Do Not Wash Meat Cuts

Do not wash your meat, but wipe it with a damp cloth if you wish to get the greatest food value from it, the Department of Agriculture advises. Also, do not chop it or cut it up into small pieces until just before cooking it.

Hot Rinse for Rice

Rinse rice with hot water rather than cold water, both before and after boiling is the advice of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This rinsing removes powdery material on the surface of the polished grains. After boiling, pouring hot water through the rice, using a sieve to hold it, removes loose starch and separate grains, and it keeps the rice hot instead of cooling it as [illegible] cold water does.

OPA Adopts New Policy

As a part of the announced policy of the Office of Price Administration to decentralize its activities, Price Administrator Chester Bowles today announced that the functions of the Office of Racial Relations Adviser to OPA will be transferred to the various field offices and to other operating divisions and departments of the agency.

Mr. Bowles said that this step was taken in order to assure more direct, immediate and effective operation of the price control, rent and rationing programs in Negro communities.

"Miss Frances Williams of St. Louis, Mo., who has had long experience with administrative problems connected with making national programs work in Negro communities, will act as my personal assistant in this field," Mr. Bowles said.

The transfer of the functions of the Racial Relations Office will be made "in such a manner as not only to assure no loss to our program, but rather to provide direct responsibility for effective action in each of the program fields," Mr. Bowles said.

Food Items List Ordered Posted in Cafes by OPA

Among the forty basic food items prices of which must be posted in eating places by August 16 according to OPA officials are the old American stand-bys—apple pie, bacon and eggs, hot cakes and syrup.

Although prices on these items were set at April 1943 levels, the posting of ceiling prices on items is a new procedure designed to protect the unwary client. If a restaurant or other eating house does not serve any of the items listed as basic on the OPA list, he must substitute enough other items to make up a list of forty.

Among other basic items listed by OPA are hot tea, milk, fish cakes and spaghetti, baked or roast veal, pork and beans, pork chops and two vegetables, lamb stew, hamburgers, beef stew, tuna fish salad sandwich and a number of other common dishes.

Brownskin Boulevard

by DAVID Watkins

EWART GUINIER, ex Municipal Civil Service aide, in town and lookin' like a million dollars . . . is now warrant officer with the 372nd Infantry in Kentucky . . . had a party at the Theresa and didn't serve one [illegible] . . . [illegible] Redding, Des Co. schoolmarm, grabs a "bundle" and hits NY town every month or so . . . sits on the sights . . . says New York has the brightest lights and the dullest people . . . oh yeah? . . . Such gal, when ya say that, smile . . . Joe Ford, campaign manager for the "Powell For Congress" victory sweep, has a problem . . . seems like his chest keeps stickin' out so far . . . he can't keep any buttons on his vest . . . Jean [illegible], Dayton, Ohio, pretty, with good looks, and good voice, is about to get a good break . . . Gale office is spending some coin to [illegible] her for a top spot in show biz . . . Archer [illegible], formerly with Pabst Blue Ribbon sales div., but now with Sun Ship Co. at Chester, Pa., was on his best behavior while vacationing at Wingdale, NY . . . His wife, Dorothy, shooed away the female competition.

MARSHAL JOSEPH STALIN may have to order the Red army to slow down its amazing offensive drive . . . just to allow some of the American radio commentators to catch up with it . . . Ann Wiggins Brown, Porgy And Bess star and concert artist, is now in California, studying . . . getting ready for a tour this fall . . . Jimmie Lunceford, ace band leader, plays guitar, clarinet, sax, trombone and flute with skill . . . but Jimmie, we're disappointed . . . you mean you don't [illegible] on the piano . . . Wilhelmina Adams, Tammany co-leader of the 19th Assembly District, will lay the odds that FDR will send his laundry out from the White House for the next four years . . . Emmett May, one of [illegible] secretaries, is now an ensign in the merchant marine . . . he was injured when his ship was torpedoed last year . . . walked with a cane for months . . . studied hard while he recovered . . . made excellent marks . . . and now is a radio operator for Uncle Sammy . . . [illegible], his wife, is so proud, she sends him a weekly news-letter with a special department marked "For Laughs Only."

Louise McDonald, NYC Board of Education, is beaming these days . . . well, it's like this: her hubby, Capt. John McDonald, is back home from Hawaii, on furlough . . . my, wouldn't you beam, too? . . . Lorenzo Davis, ex Bklyn Urban League industrial secretary, is now doing a job over at Wright's Aero plant in New Jersey . . . in the personnel dept. . . . that's a job where you iron out all the squawks and "beefs" between management and personnel . . . Marva Louis, the champ's first lady, has sliced off some poundage . . . and is looking as streamlined as a post-war Cadillac . . . strict dieting did the the job . . . Winifred Norman, American Youth For Democracy official, is busy raising funds for organizational work . . . this work deserves help . . . they have a Youth Center in Harlem with an excellent program . . . Canada Lee, stage and screen star, always aids good causes . . . I overheard one at the Urban League Guild party, with an upswept hair-do, sayin' to sell him a "bill o' goods" . . . but Canada wasn't buyin' . . . The CIO deserves high praise for forcing the hand of that anti-American group in the Philly transit tie-up . . . some company big shots may be jailed.

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MARY RICHARDSON, DESIGNER and dressmaker for some of America's best dressed women, puts the finishing touches on a new creation in her workroom at the Hotel Theresa. Miss Richardson, who has made a spectacular success in her field, feels that at least $41,000,000 annually could be saved by Negro women if they would do part of their sewing at home. Designing, she further points out is as desirable a profession for women as any social work, teaching, or business.

A Dixie Mother's Plea

A Mississippi mother, whose name cannot be divulged, recently pleaded with her son here by letter to see what he could do "about the way white people do down here," since he is near the White House.

The letter, in the woman's own language, speaks for itself:

"Dear Son: Listen, Here is something I want to ask you? And I no it will have to be done under the cover. Listen—I wonder if their is anything can be done about the way white people do down here. Since you are near the White House, than we are.

"Listen to this—now they are trying to force people to work, and if they dont, they will pick them up, and send them to some farm.—Of course you no you have two little brothers back here and we want to do all we can to keep down slavery. So you see what the color people of Mississippi is up against.

"Read this letter careful, and look into what I said—and then burn it. I dont want the wrong people to get this letter because it is very importance. Something has got to be done about the laws down here. Please let me hear from you by return mail at once. I remain yours, mother."

"P.S. You must not use my name. It will have to be no-name because it will make it hard for me to live here, and its already hard enough."

Do Not Wash Meat Cuts

Do not wash your meat, but wipe it with a damp cloth if you wish to get the greatest food value from it, the Department of Agriculture advises. Also, do not chop it or cut it up into small pieces until just before cooking it.

Hot Rinse for Rice

Rinse rice with hot water rather than cold water, both before and after boiling is the advice of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This rinsing removes powdery material on the surface of the polished grains. After boiling, pouring hot water through the rice, using a sieve to hold it, removes loose starch and separate grains, and it keeps the rice hot instead of cooling it as [illegible] cold water does.

OPA Adopts New Policy

As a part of the announced policy of the Office of Price Administration to decentralize its activities, Price Administrator Chester Bowles today announced that the functions of the Office of Racial Relations Adviser to OPA will be transferred to the various field offices and to other operating divisions and departments of the agency.

Mr. Bowles said that this step was taken in order to assure more direct, immediate and effective operation of the price control, rent and rationing programs in Negro communities.

"Miss Frances Williams of St. Louis, Mo., who has had long experience with administrative problems connected with making national programs work in Negro communities, will act as my personal assistant in this field," Mr. Bowles said.

The transfer of the functions of the Racial Relations Office will be made "in such a manner as not only to assure no loss to any program, but rather to provide direct responsibility for effective action in each of the program fields," Mr. Bowles said.

Food Items List Ordered Posted in Cafes by OPA

Among the forty basic food items prices of which must be posted in eating places by August 16 according to OPA orders are the old American stand-bys—apple pie, bacon and eggs, hot cakes and syrup.

Although prices on these foods were set at April 1943 levels, the posting of ceiling prices on items is a new procedure designed to protect the unwary client. If a restaurant or other eating house does not serve any of the items listed as 'basic' on the OPA list, he must substitute enough other items to make up a list of forty.

Among other basic items listed by OPA are hot tea, milk, fish cakes and spaghetti, baked macaroni, pork and beans, pork chops and two vegetables, lamb stew, hamburgers, beef stew, tuna fish salad sandwich and a number of other common dishes.

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EWART GUINIER, ex Municipal Civil Service aide, in town and lookin' like a million dollars . . . is now warrant officer with the 372nd Infantry in Kentucky . . . had a party at the Theresa and didn't serve one [illegible] . . . [illegible], Dix Car schoolmarm, grabs a 'bender' and hits NY town every month or so . . . she saw the sights . . . says New York has the brightest lights and the darkest people . . . oh yeah? . . . Sack gal, when ya say that, smile . . . Joe Ford, campaign manager for the "Powell For Congress" victory sweep, has a problem . . . seems like his chest keeps stickin' out so far . . . he can't keep any buttons on his vest . . . Jean [illegible], Dayton, Ohio, pretty, with good looks, and good voice, is about to get a good break . . . Gale office is spending extra [illegible] figures for her a top spot in show biz . . . Archie [illegible], formerly with Pabst Blue Ribbon sales div, but now with Sun Ship Co, at Chester, Pa., was on his best behavior while vacationing at Wingdale, NY . . . His wife, Dorothy, shooed away the female competition.

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SPORTS

Fans To Throng PG Sunday For Elites Cubans Return

A [illegible] of the most exciting baseball dramas of the current season is on tap for New York fans next Sunday afternoon at the Polo Grounds when the New York Cubans and the Baltimore Elite Giants lock horns for the second time of the season here. Announcement of the attraction has resulted in a mad rush towards the ticket windows by the addicts who don't want to miss this return battle. The crowd might easily turn out to be the banner mob of the season for two reasons. Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the first donnybrook between the two at Yankee Stadium when these two teams fought (and that's the only word that accurately describes it) couldn't be paid to stay away because wrapped up in that thirteen inning package was just about every known baseball ingredient with a generous mixture of the most salient features of a rodeo, a commando attack and a pier six session of knuckle-pushing. Every fan in town who missed the other one, which the Elites copped after thirteen bitter frames, is determined to be a witness to this pair of rematch games Sunday under the cliffs of Coogan's bluff.

With the Cubanolas leading the circuit, the Baltimore team will be more anxious than ever to knock their hated enemies from their lofty perch. Manager Felton Snow has been juggling his hurlers with extreme care in order to come up to this grudge twin assignment with his arms ready for the big test. As the result, Bill Byrd and Roy Welmaker will be primed for a double Latin killing. Jose Fernandez, who fortunately has the best hill-corps in the circuit will probably send Vic Greenidge and Carranza Howard to the firepit with Bill Anderson being held back as the strategic reserve should either of the above fall as casualties before the thundering Baltimore war clubs.

These two games, the second under the promotional aegis of Alex Pompez since taking over the Polo Grounds as his home club, should be the most hotly contested pair of the season.

Better get there early if you want to get a choice seat for a genuine four-star presentation.

Bostic at Chicago For Baseball Classic

In order that PV readers may have a clear word picture of the big baseball classic in Chicago this Sunday PV Sports Editor Joe Bostic will be on hand to bring it to you. The East-West game which draws annually upwards of 50,000 fans will be played as usual at Comiskey Park on the South side. Bostic will bring PV's sports page readers not only a report on the actual game but an analytical report on the strategy and sidelights of the struggle as well as tidbits from behind the scenes. If you can't go, do the next best thing; get the accurate story of what happened in next week's PV.

Tennis Meet Begins Mon.

The cream of America's tennis talent will converge on New York this weekend in anticipation of the start of the weeklong tests that are the national championships. This blue ribbon event of tennis gets underway on the courts of the Cosmopolitan Tennis courts, 148th st and Convent av Monday and continues through to the final rounds and the 'crowning' of the national net kings Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20.

Although this is a war year, the industrious registration committee of the American Tennis Association has come up with one of the finest entry lists in the 28 year history of the clay court annual.

Beau Jack Gets Decision As U.S. Gets $35,864,000

The question of boxing supremacy between the nation's two top lightweights—Champ Bob Montgomery and chief challenger Beau Jack—is still pretty much of a tossup after four meetings with the decisions split equally between them but, there's no controversy about their standings in the individual war bond league. They are the unquestioned champs as proved by the fact their Friday night bout in the Garden rung up $35,864,000 on Uncle Sam's matured bond register. Jack took down a split decision by a narrow margin but the U. S. treasury won by a margin of from here to 10 Downing street.

As in their other merges, the milling was hard and close but this time it happened to be the Beau who had the superior guns and the added drive which plummeted him along to a well-earned victory.

The closeness of the bout can be gleaned from the verdicts of the official jury. Judge Frank Forbes split it right down the middle five and five; Referee Billy Cavanaugh saw it as six and two for Jack with two even, and Judge Bill Healy found for the Georgian 6-3-1.

The PV score sheet tabbed it 4-3-3 in Jack's favor. As this reporter saw it Jack had the edge in the 1st, 6th, 8th and 9th, while Monty prevailed in the 2nd, 4th and 7th. In the other rounds there seemed little to choose between the two.

In the post-feature six classy Bobby Gunter weathered a surprise 1st bout knockdown at the hands of Dusty Brown to come on and bat out a handy decision. In another six Berie Lanese, enjoying a weight pull of five pounds, slugged out a verdict over Joe Carter in an interesting mill.

Highlight of the underneath was the two-man war involving Buddy Garcia, a belligerent Texan, and Bobby Smith, a cocky but scrappy Philadelphian. Garcia used his five pound advantage on the scales to good advantage as he did the greater damage.

It was a wonderful show and everyone who had a hand in putting it over deserves a pat on the back. This goes for the Gillette razor company, which picked up the expense tab, and Mike Jacobs who supplied the promotional organization, but most of all to the bond buyers who made it a BLA[illegible] success.

Black Yanks Score 4 in 9th to Win 6-5; King Slams Homer as Crackers Cop 1st

Staging a spine tingling 4-run rally in the home half of the ninth inning, the Black Yankees whistled four safe smashes off Slick Coleman to wipe out a three run deficit and drag down a 6-5 decision to salvage a glorious victory out of the spectre of a twin defeat at the hands of the Atlanta Black Crackers. The gang from the red clay country had earned a 5-0 win in the opening half of the bargain bill in the Stadium Sunday and had scored four runs in the top half of the final frame in their bid for a clean sweep.

Coming up for their final tilt, the Bombers dug in for a do or die stand. Dave Watley shot a single into right center and Marvin Barker, who is the greatest "clutch" player in the game, exploded a booming triple that careened to the centerfield wall scoring Speedboy Watley with tally number three. Thaddeus Christopher smacked a single into left to score Barker. Pony Forrest came into run for the big catcher. Jim Williams, batting for Bobby King, singled to put Forrest on third and the stage was set for the kill when Jim went down on a fake double steal.

Rufus Baker then tried to tear the hide off the pellet with a drive to center that was all the marbles as 7,000 fans went into hysterics. Winning pitcher was the veteran Connie Rector, who was rushed to the rescue to quell the Black Cracker uprising that was threatening to engulf John Stanley, who'd been breezing along smoothly up to that point, having yielded only single tallies in the 4th and 5th stanzas. The summaries: Yankees, 6-11-4; Atlanta, 5-10-2.

The opener was a walk for the Crackers, who opened the game using three men borrowed from the Black Yanks because several of their men had run into transportation difficulties. These borrowed men contributed largely to the Yanks' downfall as Watley, for instance, had a hand in the scoring of four of the visitors' six run total.

Weekly Salute

TO BEAU AND BOB:

By your magnificent gesture Friday night in giving so willingly of your services to aid in the sale of war bonds you two soldiers added another bright page to the traditional glory of the personnel of our armed forces. You made a significant niche for boxing in the achievement hall of fame. But most importantly you showed how thoroughly you believe in the democracy for which you and your buddies are prepared to die. You're terrific!

INFIELD INSURANCE for the New York Cubans is Gil Garrido, the capable youngster from Panama. "Galloping Gil" plays short and second with equal facility and is kept on the bench only because of the presence of the incomparable Horacio Martinez at short and adequate Javier Perez at second in the Latin inner defense.

It'll Be Power Against Defense When East, West Collide in Chicago

CHICAGO—The stage is all set for blue ribbon classic of Negro sportdom here Sunday afternoon at Comiskey Park when the stars of the Negro American and Negro National leagues clash in the thirteenth renewal of the annual East-West game. When the two teams take the field more than 50,000 fans will be packed into the stands of the huge Southside arena. The lineups of the two teams will indeed be a real constellation of all the great diamond performers of the present day. The two nines are truly "dream" teams in every sense of the word. Missing only will be the almost legendary Satchel Paige, who last year bottled up the East's bats for three innings. Satch will be missing because he refused to play unless given a sizeable percentage off the top of the gate, and then attempted to lead an ill-advised revolt of players of the western squad which fell aborning.

As the classic shapes up it figures to be a ding dong test between the Power of the East and the defensive wizardry of the West.

Chief focal point of the mob will no doubt be the big homerun bat of Josh Gibson. The deluxe digger is hitting them farther than at any time in his career and most of the assembled throng will feel cheated if he doesn't register as much as one round tripper.

They will see another bristling battle between Sam Jethroe and Frank Columbre, top stickmen of their respective circuits.

There will be plethora of brilliant fielding sparked in all probability by the two second sackers. Ray Dandridge and Sam Bankhead of the Eastern squad are marvels of the first water but which ever one should draw the starting assignment will find himself hard pressed to cope with the scintillating play of Bonnie Serrell, the Kansas City magician.

Weekly Slam

TO SATCHEL PAIGE:

Your actions with regard to the East-West game and your greedy demand for special consideration over and above the other players is strictly minor league behaviour and reeks of ingratitude to the game and fans who have rewarded you so handsomely. And your feigned sudden charitable impulses are a desecration of the nobility of giving. And then your threat to lead a strike of the players is like the kid who owns the bat and ball. Phew-w-w!

VISITORS
HOME TEAM

The SCOREBOARD

Joe Bostic

SATCHEL PAIGE BUCKS THE WHEEL— AND NOT TOO SMARTLY

CHICAGO—We landed here last Wednesday for a quick visit and thought we might as well knock off a pair of pigeons with the same slingshot. Accordingly we started to make a few routine sports calls on some of the newspaper and promotional key folks who make sports in this town. Well, children, never in my born days have I ever seen such an apparently calm surface covering such a tempest as currently is raging on the Negro American League (Western) front. The surface picture gives every indication that the town—and the baseball folks—are complacently planning for the annual outpouring of fandom for the East-West game when some 50,000 of the faithful clamber themselves into the pews at Comiskey Park.

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Center storm of contention and precipitation of a [illegible] epidemic of frayed nerves and bad tempers is the highly publicized Leroy (Satchel) Paige. And it's that disproportionate amount of publicity, the fault of the near-sighted operators, which has given Leroy the exaggerated notion of his importance which has resulted in the present [illegible] and ridiculous quarrel. But, I'm putting the dray before the [illegible]; therefore it would probably make the gab a little more understandable if I give you a quick recap of what's transpired to date. Then maybe we can find the [illegible] or [illegible] on which should rest the blame. We might also get a fuller picture of the deep ramifications and repercussions which are more or less certain to result from the present flareup.

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Last year Paige who unquestionably is one whale of a drawing [illegible] some $800 for his brilliant three inning hurling chore in the East-West classic. According to Dr. J. B. Martin this was made up from the contributions of fifty dollars per club with the balance made up by Tom Baird and J. Wilkie, owners of the Kansas City Monarchs. Throughout the season the same hurling ace had been paid a percentage off the top and it was only natural that he should expect [illegible] pattern of payoff at the classic. Now let's not lose sight of the [illegible] game is played by the greatest stars of the two leagues— [illegible] as the [illegible] in the loop with which [illegible] affiliated—yet these [illegible] by no stretch of the imagination measure that of Paige.

This year the solons decided that the all-star game was just that—an aggregation of the greatest stars. Therefore, Paige's bid for a percentage was denied. Paige, noting this turn of events, then offered the counter proposal that the game be played for a war fund and that all receipts be turned over thereto. In other words, Paige's position was that if I can't have a special lion's share then no one gets anything.

And then at the point Paige's story that he won't play in the game unless it's a 100% charity venture appears in the pages of every Chicago paper plus getting released by the major wire services. This, however, not until after President Martin had decreed that Paige's name was to be stricken from the Western roster and he was not to play in the classic.

Knowing that Paige himself would hardly have taken his case thus to the papers for such orderly news releases, informed baseball folks hereabouts detect in the operation the fine hand of Abe Saperstein, top booker out this way. Saperstein was relieved of the publicity job for the game this year and these astute baseball people following the "misery loves" company line of reasoning figure that the fellow guided Satch through the linotype maze. By this getting this adverse publicity for the classic, which pictures Paige as a charitable martyr, they reasoned—not without logic—that shrewd Abraham could thus strike back effectively without showing his actual hand.

Forced with the action taken by the Negro National League against playing under Saperstein promotions, this firing of him from the spot in the classic may be the beginning of the long threatened bolt towards Negro control of Negro baseball.

Is Satch to blame for believing that he, an individual, is bigger than the game? I think not. The shortsighted but unimaginative magnates have steadfastly refused to exploit other stars so that there was more than the single attraction or box office "name." This because they didn't want other men to make real money. They simply created a Frankenstein that got well out of hand. This is a big gamble for Satch to take. If the game is a sellout WITHOUT HIM, he'll be in a tough bargaining spot in the future. And it's 6-5-even that they will sell out this Sunday. As for Saperstein, who has been [illegible] pushed off [illegible] by confreres Dan Burley and Wendell Smith, this is but the first round. He still holds the [illegible] of promotional rights in most of the major league parks here and westward.

That, m'hearties, is a terrific hump for the magnates to get over before they're in position for a showdown fight.

If, indeed, that's what they sincerely want.

I'm just wondering.

Sports Extra!

LEN FRANKLIN'S death was one of the great tragedies of boxing. [illegible] to say [illegible] had been paralyzed periodically before. Larry [illegible], of course, be freed of the official charge of manslaughter. Poor [illegible] had been on the down grade since his loss to Bob Foster. However, it's to be noted that none of those who are shedding crocodile tears now and saying that it was wrong to let him fight were anywhere to lend him a helping hand so that it wouldn't have been necessary for him to resort to the only trade he knew when he needed cash.

Maybe this column is an old diehard but we can't for the life of us see how [illegible] was ever left off the East team that will start in Chicago Sunday and certainly not in favor of Jim West, who is erratic as all get out and besides there isn't a hit maker in the game (bar none included) who can hold his glove when it comes to fielding . . . And what are the Black Yankees thinking about in not taking Rufus Baker to the classic. He only happens to be the best ball player on the team. To gods. If performance isn't going to count what incentive is there for a player? . . . Indications are that the daily championships at Cosmopolitan Club's courts next week may [illegible] out the [illegible] from the first day . . . The Alice Marble-Mary Hardwick exhibition is done to tax the little plant as it's never been taxed before.

Charles U. Berry, [illegible] coach, came with a rush in the final voting for Coach of the South's team in the all-star classic at Greensboro August 20 and displaced Dana Campbell for the post. . . . Announcement has been made that the second annual invitational doubles tournament is set for Lynchburg September 3rd and 4th. . . . The 9th Regiment down at Camp Lee has organized the band in the ASFTC baseball race. . . . Both the National Negro Congress and the National Maritime Union are urging Branch Rickey to sign up Negro players before the Dodgers' fall through the floor of the National League standings.

[illegible] Perry may meet a [illegible] in Jimmy McDaniels at the Garden next Friday night. . . . [illegible] has won two at the Comm. Now if he'll just confine his brawling to the ring. . . . Lord love a duck, Lou Nova's gonna perform in the Garden again. . . . That's all brother—JWB.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE DEFINITELY IN ORDER for both Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack. These two scrappy GI's battled for the fourth time Friday night in the Garden and as a result Uncle Sam's war bond drive was $35,000,000 richer. Although they are the essence of cordiality in the above picture, they were anything but that Friday night as they cuffed each other around with abandon to the utter delight of several thousands of their fellow servicemen, many of whom were wounded heroes who had won Purple Hearts in one or the other of the far flung war theatres. P.S. The Beau won a [illegible] decision.

Negro NATIONAL LEAGUE

RESULTS

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Saturday, Aug. 5, Baltimore: Balto. Elite Giants [illegible], Newark Eagles [illegible].

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RE: THE PEOPLE'S VOICE
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Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith, are clippings from the July 29, August 5, and August 19, 1944 issues of THE PEOPLE'S VOICE.

These clippings pertain to Communist matters and Negro activities in which the Bureau is interested. Similar clippings are being retained in the appropriate file in the New York Field Division.

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SOAPBOX -- by Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

POLLS AFTER POLLS are now being taken on the so-called Negro vote. They are predicting all sorts of things, among which is a back-to-Republican swing. Many are declaring that the Negro has been driven away from the Democratic Party by the Bilbos and the Rankins and the Connallys. Some are saying that the defeat of Wallace for the Vice Presidency nomination at the Democratic convention is the last straw.

[illegible] the polls and predictions, it is generally agreed that the Negro vote in from eight to ten states will control 221 of the 226 electoral votes needed to swing the election. A group of Negro publishers pointed out this week that Negroes may control the vote in eight of the larger northern cities, and also pointed out that this group could decide the election in ten northern and border states.

The publishers estimated that 3,000,000 Negroes would vote in the fall elections, many of whom are war-worker migrants from the South who would be casting their first votes.

Those who see a return to Republican folds point to the stand that several of the larger Negro newspapers may take, and believe that the stand for Willkie in 1940 taken by one or two of them reflected a deflection of the editors from the Roosevelt party.

One must bear in mind that a vote for Wendell Willkie was not necessarily a vote for the Grand Old Party; for Wendell Willkie was far from a typical Republican. He was more along the lines of the New Deal. His was not a stand for states' rights and nationalism, but for more and wiser federalization and internationalism that would include the darker races in equal shares to the world's wealth and culture.

The Negro, however, has [illegible] voting the last two elections as standing for liberalism and progress in human rights. There is no reason to believe that he will backtrack in his thinking, for this war has broadened his vision and his experiences. Even the less literate Negroes are now thinking beyond their [illegible].

That is saying more than the Republican leaders are doing. And the Negro is not blind to this fact. It is true that he hates the guts of the Georges and the Rankins and realizes what these folks and their ilk are about. At the same time, he is asking what the Republicans have to offer.

Not one Republican voice, beside that of Willkie, has come forward to block the tactics of the southern bourbons in killing much of the legislation that would benefit the Negro. And now, only last week, he has seen the Republican Senators vote unanimously for a post-war reconversion bill that would stifle his chances for a new lease on life following the war.

The Negro knows, without my telling them, what chances they had under the southern state's unemployment security benefits during the last depression. He realizes that he has not a chance with southern states officials to prove his need for a job at decent pay, or a decent standard of unemployment pay. He knows that he was compelled to accept jobs at $3 and $4 a week if he wanted to eat, and to work for long hours and short rations while his white brother could collect a larger dole and wait for a better job.

He knows that no Republican has risen to defend him when Rankin and Bilbo and Connally shouted about his inferiority from Capitol Hill and said that all of his cries for a decent standard of living and a chance to work at skilled jobs were merely for an opportunity to marry white women.

He knows that no Republican rose to defend him when the anti-lynching bill was at stake, and the poll tax bill was at stake. He realizes that the Republicans were too busy trying to build up a political machine by aligning with the unprogressive southern forces to defeat Roosevelt to speak out against his persecutors.

And, further, the Negro will watch with all interest the actions of those Republicans on Capitol Hill between now and election day, and will not be blinded by what his newspaper editorials may say, just as the white working classes are not blinded by their editors.

The Negro has his peculiar problems to face and to solve, and that most certainly influences his vote. But he also realizes that the solving of his problems are tied up with the progress of the country and the world, and he is not going to be fooled along this line, either.

The Negro vote this fall will not be a foolish vote, and the Republican party will have to do a mean piece of stepping to capture that vote. And I don't believe they can do it.

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One God---One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

(Because of the timeliness of this article, the Rev. Ben Richardson is postponing until next week his continuation of the discussion on whether a minister should participate in politics.—Ed. Note).

A MINISTRY that sits silently by while the people who constitute its congregations suffer social, political and economic privation, prostitutes the Christ they profess and shame the lowly folk who support them. The ordination of a man is the bestowing upon him in one great fell stroke the burdens of needy people. To do any less than to fight their battles, champion their causes, and share the glory of their victories is to fall short of the best definition of this high calling.

A SORE NEED FOR WARRIORS

I have often taken issue with the various denominations that gather on Mondays at a given church to rehash the doings of the last Sabbath and to conduct their light parliamentary business with all the trappings of a well-rehearsed comedy. This criticism holds true for every community where these Monday "Yell fests" are held. They are held in Boston. . . . One can hear the brothers and sisters four blocks away. They give us a hard day in short, yet in order to get to the meeting one has to pass through a section of the city where Negroes live in the most abject human squalor imaginable.

RICHARDSON

The Project Houses of Boston are jimcro through and through. A Negro has to live in the Lenox Street Project or in the "special knot" of houses set aside for him in the Orchard park houses which are predominantly white. There are eight or ten "sin bustin'" churches within a foot of the Lenox st houses; yet dirt and filth in the neighboring streets almost make walking on sidewalk or street impossible. That these houses are jimcro is common knowledge.

HOUSING AUTHORITY DISCRIMINATES

The Boston Housing Authority discriminates against Negroes. The housing board is made up of five men. Four of them are appointed by the Mayor and City Council, the fifth is appointed by the State Board of Housing. The Board presently consists of John A. Breen, chairman; Harold Field Kellogg, assistant treasurer; John Carroll, Rev. Thomas Reynolds, vice chairman and treasurer; Francis X. Lane, executive director and secretary. Formerly a Mr. Cushing, now dead, held the place now filled by Mr. Kellogg.

At the outset (1940) Breen and Lane were interested in where and when the contracts would be let. They were concerned about selecting the firm which would get the plumbing or heating job in the proposed projects. John Carroll was interested in the labor angles of the matter. He wanted to make certain labor's side was not loosely handled. Mr. Cushing was sick abed most of the time in those early days of Boston's housing infamy, so the matter of personnel and tenancy was left to the Rev. Father Reynolds, the legislative representative of the late Cardinal O'Connell of the Roman Catholic Church. Father Reynolds has a reputation for hating Negroes. He was openly opposed to interracial housing of any kind and said so.

"WE GIVE YOU WHAT WE WANT"

A delegation of three persons, one Negro and two white went to see the members of the Housing authority last year. They wanted to discuss the question of discrimination. Everyone they contacted advised them to go to Father Reynolds. Finally they did. The one Negro on the committee was a minister. He introduced himself as such and proceeded to state the case of needy Negroes and white people for low rent houses. In the course of his remarks he mentioned interracial housing in the projects. At this, Father Reynolds straightened up in his seat and said in emphatic terms . . . "Listen here . . . these are our houses. We give you people what we want you to have."

The Negro minister assured me that Father Reynolds went on to make it clear that the colored people should be overjoyed to get in the project at all. According to the minister who headed the delegation, Father Reynolds added a political note, "And another thing. You people up in Ward Nine (the Lenox st section) don't appreciate what the Mayor has been doing for you. . . . You don't support him at all." To this the minister replied, we Negroes know for whom we want to vote. Shortly after this exchange, the meeting closed with Father Reynolds holding his original position on interracial housing board. Today hundreds of Negro and white families are suffering because of this policy.

MINISTERS TO THE FRONT

Here then is a task for Revs. Ravenell, Lavisount, Hester, Owens, Fisher, Higginbottom, Ockinga, and the many other white and Negro clergymen of Boston. This jimcro policy is sin . . . against all that God or man stands for.

NO ONE HAS MONOPOLY ON HATE

Some hasty judge will say the above is a biased account and anti-Catholic. It is not. . . . But it is anti-wrong. A Negro in a very high and responsible position in Boston recently spewed out more anti-Semitic venom than I have heard in many a day. He said Jews were no good . . . that they thought they were superior . . . that they would [illegible] . . . that they were aggressive and troublesome.

'S VOICE

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Tobias Calls Gov. Dewey 'Absurd' for Red Smearing

In view of the decisive nature of the Negro vote in the November elections based upon recent surveys in many of the strategic states, it is generally considered in political circles that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey made one of the gravest mistakes of his campaign when he viciously attacked two outstanding Negro leaders—Dr. Channing E. Tobias and Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, jr.

In a recent newspaper interview with the Chicago Defender, Dewey attempted to smear Dr. Tobias, respected executive of the national YMCA, by inquiring whether it was true that Dr. Tobias had turned Communist. This question seemed to be in line with Republican Sen. Robert Taft's charge that the NAACP is Communist. Growing reaction indicates that these smears may prove disastrous for both Dewey and Taft in the November elections.

In the same interview Dewey further took advantage of the smear technique by asking whether the election to Congress of Rev. Powell wouldn't do more harm than good. And in another question he implied that Rev. Powell was responsible for the Harlem riots of last August.

In an interview regarding Dewey's attack, Dr. Tobias gave PV the following statement:

"Dewey's statement concerning my turning Communist is so absurd on the face of it as to call for no reply from me. The obvious intent of it was to throw a smoke screen over the real issues, among them the doctrine of states rights, which was so dear to his heart and so disastrous to the hopes of Negroes.

"A little later on I intend to make a statement concerning Mr. Dewey and the issues of the campaign as they affect the Negro people.

"As to his charge that the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, jr, instigated the so-called riots in New York last summer, the people of New York have already replied to that by overwhelmingly voting in the Democratic, Republican and the American Labor Party for his nomination for Congress, thus making for him the election in November a mere formality."

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Citizens to Assist Political Action Group

Four members were added last week to the Nat'l Citizens Political Action Committee, Sidney Hillman, chairman, announced. They are: Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, author and professor of sociology at Howard University; Ira DeA Reid, sociologist at Atlanta University; Willard Townsend, president of the United Transport Service Employees of America; and Metz T. Lochard, editor-in-chief of the *Chicago Defender*.

The committee is pledged to fight for the election of the Roosevelt-Truman ticket and a progressive Congress, and is carrying on a campaign to increase the number of registered voters. Nine other Negroes are members of this committee.

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W. Indian Emancipation Celebration at Abyssinian

Celebration of West Indian Emancipation Day will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, at Abyssinian Baptist Church, under the auspices of the West Indies National Council and Adam Clayton Powell.

On program will be City Councilman Ben Davis, Thelma Dale of the National Negro Congress, Amy Ashwood Garvey, George W. Harris, editor of the new paper, the Ethiopian World. Rev. Charles A. Petioni will be chairman.

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WE AIN'T READY DEPT.

Seems that America's only Negro general—B. O Davis—just can't refrain from speaking out of turn. When Negro soldiers were first landed in England and persistent stories of Americanized jimcro seeped out, the good general was sent abroad by the U.S. Army to investigate. He came up with a complete whitewash, which at that time earned for him this uncoveted space in PV. Comes now the general again (now on tour in Normandy and Brittany), muchly perturbed because soldiers ["I mean all soldiers, not only colored," qualifies he], are flirting with French girls (white of course). PV thinks General Davis should not try to inject racial attitudes into France, where none existed before he arrived there as an apologetic Negro spokesman for the Army.

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Reception to Open Photographic Exhibit

The first American showing of a photographic exhibit, "The Urals, Arsenal of the Red Army," prepared by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. will be opened by a reception at the National Maritime Union Hall 46 W 17 st., New York, N. Y on Monday, August 14th.

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Sociologists Discuss "The American Dilemma"

Two outstanding sociologists, one of Boston University, and one of Howard University, warned the nation this week to beware of postwar tension unless the Negro retains the gains he has made. They warned of permitting a reaction to set in after the war.

The end of the war will see tense, crucial times in America if the Negro does not retain the gains he has made during the war period, Dr. E. Franklin Frazier was quoted by the New York Herald Tribune as saying in an interview this week.

Dr. Frazier, head of the department of sociology at Howard University, was interviewed at his office, at New York University's Washington Square College, where he is a visiting professor for the summer.

The professor said that if returning Negro soldiers do not receive all the rights of other citizens, "they are going to be mad." "If they come back and can see no fruits of their sacrifices," he continued, "their reaction won't be resignation and cynicism, as it was after the last war. They'll probably join militant or radical forces if necessary."

BOSTON, (ANP)—The adjustment of Negro-white relations in the United States will require all the wisdom and good will that can be summoned in the next few years, Prof. Albert Morris of Boston Universiyt's Department of Sociology, stated this week. Speaking on race relations in wartime, he said:

"Culturally, we are beginning to discover that we in the United States are facing what Gunnar Myrdal, the Swedish sociologist, call 'The American Dilemma.'

"As a people we profess Christianity with its assertion that all men are brothers; we accept a political faith which states that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, while at the same time in practice we forcibly remove 71,000 native born American citizens of Japanese ancestry from their homes and businesses.

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Regarded As Criminals Even Before They Err?

"Black Squad" Tactics Harmful to Our Youth

By LLEWELLYN RANSOM

Harlem is in danger of a growing menace of mass arrests of many of its youth, indiscriminately treated as juvenile delinquents, a PV investigation reveals. Charges are made that an all Negro squad bent on an efficiency record and in all probability lacking a constructive approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency, is fast acquiring a reputation as a "bogeyman's squad."

The cry goes around: "The "Black Squad" will get you if you don't watch out."

Within a relatively short period between 75 and 100 youths have been arrested and left with a police record to mar their future. The fact that most of these youths have been released with suspended sentences does not alter the fact that fears are growing in Harlem that anybody's child is subject to be picked up if he happens to be loitering on in crowds. It does not change the fact that the police blotters will soon show an alarming increase in crime and delinquency for Harlem—a fitting situation for "yellow" journalists who are constantly on the alert to picture Harlem as a crime center.

Some of the dailies were quick to seize upon the killing of a youth by police and the wounding of a police officer a few weeks ago at Colonial Park pool. The stories talked of gang conflict with gangs in Harlem. Police disposition of this case shows: that the Grand Jury indicted few if any of those held; that the police firing was concentrated on one youth, who was killed; the wounded officer, who was supposed to have been the victim of gang firing, according to ballistic reports, was the accidental victim of a fellow officer's shooting.

The present complaint is against the tactics of the "Black Squad." The squad consists of three or four Negro patrolmen temporarily assigned to detective duty under a Negro lieutenant. They are working with the understanding that they will be given permanent posts as detectives if they make good during their brief probationary period.

Their job is to work exclusively with the so-called gang situation in Harlem. All this would be desirable if these men were operating under a planned and constructive program to abate juvenile delinquency. But if the following is an illustration of their method of operation, then they are defeating the good work of the Police Athletic League, the Juvenile Aid Bureau, the Co-ordinating Council that works closely with police, and every other constructive group in Harlem.

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Selecting Child's Reading Builds Democratic Spirit

Training our children, aven from the very earliest ages, so that they will grow up as worthwhile citizens of our democracy, respecting members of all races, is the concern of many parents—and also of the Library Unit of the State. County and Municipal Workers of America (CIO). The current issue of SCMWA NEWS emphasizes that public libraries contain books on Negro life which are not only interesting reading but which will help youngsters on the road to good citizenship and give them pride in Negro people and their culture. Unfortunately, some of the recent books on the library shelves are harmful and untrue. Below is a list of those recommended and those to be avoided:

Recommended

- *Steppin and the Family* which gives a wholesome picture of Negro life in Harlem and is the story of boy who longs to become as great a dancer as Bill Robinson;
- *All-American*, story of a white boy's effort to overcome racial intolerance involving Jews as well as Negroes;
- *Journey Cake* is the story of Juba, free Negro woman in slavery times, who leads six motherless white children through the Kentucky wilderness;
- *Tobe* is a story for younger children about life on a farm;
- *George Washington Carver* by Rackham Holt, story of the great Tuskegee scientist; *Angel Mo' and Her Son Roland Hayes* by McKinley Helm tells the story of the famous singer and a great deal about Negro music; *Big Ben* by Earl Miers is a novel based on the life of Paul Robeson and his days as an athletic star at college. motherless white children through

These are the books which picture Negroes as silly or inferior and which do not help in creating better race relations:

- *You Shall Have a Carriage* pictures Negroes as childish, incompetent, and superstitious;
- *Jump Lively Jeff* a story of Negroes after the Civil War full of dialect and insulting terms.
- *Saturday for Samuel* ridicules the mother of a Negro family with a ridiculous name and pictures a shiftless, foolish father;
- *Nicodemus Helps the Army*, written to promote the sale of war stamps among children, but its dialect, its use of comic names, and condescending tone defeats its purpose;
- *Middle Button* contains a derogatory scene involving Negroes.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CI

RECONVERSION is a paramount issue before the nation. Post-war security is the key concern of every American. This is the problem Congress is now wrestling with.

SMITH

Pressure of organized labor during the recent Congressional recess has resulted in widespread support for the Kilgore Bill. This bill provides an overall plan in which the worker, regardless of race, color or creed, is protected.

The George Bill on the other hand, which is backed by Governor Dewey's reactionary forces in the Senate led by Sen. Taft, concerns itself only with the disposition of factories and machines.

Here again we see the words of the Republicans belied by their deeds. At the recent St. Louis conference of Republican Governors, "Eager Lad" Dewey spoke nobly of the importance of "contract termination and plant clearance." He pointed a disparaging finger at the Roosevelt administration in connection with post-war planning, but the 26 Republican Governors carefully refrained from urging consideration of the human side of the problem.

Taking the cue from Dewey's leadership, the Republicans in Congress are clamoring for the individual states to provide unemployment benefits to displaced workers. They fear the liberal provisions of the Kilgore Bill, which provides fair Federal standards of payments to the nation's greatest resource—the people. They want to do a PIECEMEAL job of reconversion, leaving Joe Worker, who has wrought miracles on the production line, to the mercy of the states.

We have seen what the phoney "States' rights" arguments led to on the Soldier Vote. Headed by New York State, 28 States deny servicemen the right to use the Federal ballot—thus in effect disenfranchising hundreds of thousands of our boys in the foxholes.

There is a political motive behind this Dewey-Taft conspiracy against the workers and returning servicemen of America. They know that the Administration Kilgore Bill is precisely what the people want. Dewey knows if the Kilgore Bill is adopted it will further strengthen the belief of the common people of America in the sterling leadership qualities of President Roosevelt. Small wonder that the Dewey forces are ganging up on it!

The prime factor in the situation is that the Kilgore Bill is the key to full employment. It would prevent the chaotic dumping of workers on the streets and the complete loss to the nation of their productive capacities.

Whereas Hoover handed the people apples during the depression period of the '30s, Dewey is handing them applesauce today!

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Negro Loses After War?

DENVER, (ANP)—The attitudes of a cross-section of whites and their opinion of post war race relations between whites and Negroes were revealed in a public opinion survey released Sunday by the University of Denver. Most whites, according to the survey, believe race relations will be worse after the war. "After the war, do you expect Negroes and white people to get along with each other better, or not as well as they did before the war?" was the question asked.

	ALL	"Better" or "Worse" Only
Better	23%	37%
Not as well	39	63
Same	23	..
Undecided	14	..
Qualified answer	1	..
	100%	100%

Those who volunteer "same" include two groups: (1) persons who think the situation bad now and feel it will continue to be bad after the war—14%—and, (2) persons who consider the Negro-white situation perfectly satisfactory now and see no reason why it should change—9%.

When only those who committed themselves in one or the other direction are considered, 63% think whites and Negroes will not get along as well after the war and only 37% think they will get along better. The greatest differences are sectional. In the New England and Atlantic states, opinion divides exactly 50-50, while in the Pacific and Mountain states 56% expect whites and Negroes to get along not as well after the war as they did before, in the Midwest 62%, and in the South, 82% express this negative view.

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LANGSTON HUGHES, famed Negro poet, has written the lyrics for the campaign song for our first Negro Congressman from New York, Adam Powell, jr . . . titled, *Let My People Go*. . . . Rose Morgan, owner and director of the "Rose Meta Beauty Salon" on Seventh av does all right for herself . . . her customers are always giving her a boost . . . and her shop is the only one where all operators are on salary. . . . Sgt. George B. Murphy is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. . . . teaching orientation classes . . . he's a member of the Murphy clan who publish the *Afro-American* chain. . . . Joyce Chellis, secretary for the Council on African Affairs, getting a thorough medical check-up . . . may have to undergo an operation. . . . Ruth Jett, So. Negro Youth Congress, will pinch-hit in her absence. . . . Lyndon Henry, manager Local 88, United Fur and Leather Workers, CIO, is very proper and dignified when addressing an audience through a loudspeaker . . . and says he isn't nervous . . . but, if that is so . . . why do his knees keep shaking like a bowl of warm jello?

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DR. THEODORE F. REID, well-known medico, is a member of the Board of Camp Wo-Chi-Ca . . . no, it's not an Indian name . . . by taking the first letters from this: Workers Childrens Camp . . . that's how it happened. . . . Marvel Cooke, PV Ass't Man. ed., was elected a delegate to the Newspaper Guild convention in Milwaukee . . . is there now helping to shape policies . . . will then visit her sister in Grand Rapids, Mich. . . . Joe Steber, 125 st wine and liquor consultant, may not be a gin-rummy expert . . . but, if you mention bridge, he invites you to go and get your partner. . . . Thelma Dale, acting secretary of Nat'l Negro Congress, came back from the country wearing bobby-sox . . . wonder if she was on her way to a Sinatra broadcast . . . how's your swooning, La Dale? . . .

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FERDINAND C. SMITH, Nat'l Maritime Union sec, will be honored with a banquet . . . just before he leaves on a national speaking tour in behalf of a Roosevelt-Truman victory. . . . Ann Harrington, wife of Ollie, the war correspondent for the Pitts. *Courier*, keeps her eye on the calendar . . . can give you the number of days and hours that hubby has been overseas . . . he's due for a furlough soon. . . . Corporal "Big" Bill Taylor, well-known Baltimorean, writes from So. Pacific . . . that the film *The Negro Soldier* was shown to a white regiment and it rained like the devil . . . but not one white trooper attempted to make his exit . . . which he was free to do, if he so desired . . . that's a healthy sign, says I. . . . Sylvia Olden Lee, wife of Everett Lee, ass't concert master for *Carmen Jones*, the Broadway hit, is so excited these days . . . 'cause that big-hearted guy, Mr. Stork, is due for a visit. . . . Blanchard Baker, former YMCA boys' secretary, Harlem Branch, has arrived safely in India . . . working for the American Red Cross . . . do you think a turban and a Gandhi "drape" will look good on him?

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BOBBY AND MILLIE DORSEY gave out with a bang-up party last Sat. nite to cheer Kont. Libe of Chicago . . . who had the weeps because Vice Prez Wallace got licked . . . ya gotta lot of company, Bob . . . Dorothy Funn, Ass't Dirtctor of "Powell for Congress" campaign is happy about her new black dress . . . the boys like it . . . with its peek-a-boo waist . . . put it on, Dot . . . so I can take one little peek, please . . . Bill Crampton, Standard Oil Co. employee for 27 years has been singing with his rich baritone voice all that time . . . wonder if he uses some of that oil on his tonsils to get smooth tones? . . . Julian Faithful, checker for Borden's Dairy Co., rides the rails each week-end to whisper sweet nothings to Helen Carper, Baltimore charmer . . . her father is one of the town's leading medicos . . . Marian Anderson, concert artist, earned the tidy sum of $95,502 for last year's work from Hurok, Inc., her manager . . . that ought to take care of the high cost of living for a while. . . . Next Tuesday, Aug. 1 is Primary Day, don't fail to vote.

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COUNCILMAN BENJ. J. DAVIS is going in for tennis these days, and is dieting also . . . he only eats four meals a day now . . . Alice Richman, the gal who planned all those parties at Labor Stage last winter, is back in circulation . . . she and hubby have called it a day . . . Lafayette Theater, once the show-case for the best of our stock companies, musicals and vaudeville, has "gotten religion" . . . it will be converted into a church, in the near future . . . Gwendolyn [illegible], Carver School Director, packs her bag each week-end to join her hubby at Camp Wo-chi-ca . . . he's the educational director up there and a nice guy, too . . . The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has just built a brand new doghouse for stray poodles . . . and with a shower, too . . . with this heat-wave hanging around . . . howdya like to be "in the doghouse again?"

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REV. ADAM C. POWELL, Jr, has the old political hacks following his sound truck around trying to learn how to conduct a real live-wire campaign . . . everyone agrees, Adam Powell will win the nomination of all three parties . . . Dottie McGregor, International Labor Defense secretary, goes to Central Park lake to watch the kids sail their boats . . . then she dreams of her heart-thumper in the merchant marine . . . Dick Huey, "Lenox Av Record Man" did a fine job on the air . . . some sponsor should grab him fast . . . Dr. John R. Randolph, Medical Center visiting surgeon, has laid his cash on the line and bought himself a cabin on Riverside Drive . . . Wini Johnson, Duke Ellington songbird, and Canada Lee seem to get a kick out of each other's company . . . but Canada's 17-yr.-old son, Carl, acts as chaperone when they go out . . . Mr. Lee, senior, would like suggestions how to make Mr. Lee, junior, scram . . . without having to punch him in the nose . . . Mr. Anthony, please!

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NAACP Pleads For WAC Band

Notified of the War Department's decision to deactivize the Fort Des Moines Negro WAC band, Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, wired Secretary Stimson urging reconsideration.

"We submit that original refusal to permit Negro WACS to play in the regular Fort Des Moines band was undemocratic and unwise. To disband now the Negro band which was then formed a ompromise measure adds insul o injury and will be serious blow o morale of Negro WAACS, hich is already low because of failure to assign colored WAC officers to duties comparable to their rank, failure to promote colored WAC officers some of whom have been in their present grades two years, segregation and discrimination at Fort Des Moines as in use of swimming pool and other facilities, refusal to send colored WACS o overseas duty despite request y theatre commanders with on f which I am personally familia nd other discriminations."

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Marshall Field Buys Chicago Radio Station

CHICAGO—Marshall Field, publisher of the Chicago *Sun* and New York *PM*, was given permission to control ration station WJJD here by the Federal Communications Commissions this week. Mr. Field is well known for his support of minority groups in their fight for equal rights. It is believed that his station will prove an asset to these groups.

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nterracial Festival

The 13th Street Playhouse Fedration of the American Youth fo Democracy is sponsoring an Interracial Festival July 21, at 8 pm, at playhouse, 52 E 13 st. Among those participating are Rachel Dubois, Columbia University Intercultural Workshop; Irma Marasha, Bahai Movement World nity; Olivia Spokes, Harle outh Group; Josh White, fo k nger; Will Madden, actor; Joshine Goldsmith, poet, and others.

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Baptist Ministers Come Out for Powell

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater New York, comprising a constituency of more than 300 ministers and churches, on Monday endorsed Adam Clayton Powell, jr, for Congress, stating that members of the conference would "urge their congregations to cast a solid, united vote for the election of Dr. Powell on August 1."

The ministers further resolved that they would do all within their power both fraternally and financially to assure the election of Powell, "the people's fighter, to the Halls of Congress."

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To Observe West Indian Freedom

Observance of West Indian emancipation day is being planned by the West Indies National Council in conjunction with Abyssinian Baptist Church, on August 27. Exact place of the observance will be announced later.

This marks the second such observance, with the collaboratio of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr, candidate for Congress and pastor of Abyssinian. Leaders of both groups —church and islands—are completing plans for the get togethe and celebration of the freeing o West Indian slaves.

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CLINTON LEWIS, 106 W 14[illegible] st, an honor graduate of the Frederick Douglass Junior High School, and now a student at Stuyvesant High School, who has already won the NYC and the NY State scholarship contest sponsored by the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, making him eligible for the finals in the Regional Contest of Region No. 1, comprising Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Montreal, Canada. Winners of the regional contests are awarded $1,000 scholarships to attend the college of their choice.

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Why We Must Send Powell to Congress

By NANNIE H. BURROUGHS

There are at least six good and sufficient reasons why Adam Powell, jr. the New York preacher and patriot, should be elected by the voters of the newly created 22nd District to a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives:

● Because he is absolutely sound and thorough-going in his Americanism.

● Because he speaks the language and expresses the dogged determination of millions of Negroes who will be satisfied with nothing less than that liberty and justice that are promised to all and is a leader in that vanguard that has been fighting race prejudice, discrimination and injustice so long that their heads are bloody—but unbowed.

● Because Adam Powell doesn't give a tinker's dam about party labels, but is fighting for the constitutional rights of American Negroes; and for those sacred rights he will fight anybody, anywhere, as becometh a red blooded American.

● Because Adam Powell is not a politican per se, but is a born patriot, the kind whose personal magnetism and clarion call can be the voice in the wilderness, rallying wavering hosts and kindling their lagging spirits into a holy enthusiasm and high resolve to deliver themselves from the body of death with the weapon (the ballot) which they have in their own hands.

● Because Adam Powell has the stamina and Harlem has the votes, a combination that designing politicians cannot beat. Negro Americans want to "go to town" politically and Adam Powell knows the way.

● Because the race has been sold down the river by hungry, climbing, clowning, handkerchief-head, hat-in-hand, hand-picked, behind-closed-doors, bread-and-butter, self-appointed, political parasites and sycophants and this man is not for sale.

Adam Powell can come to this place of opportunity with the courage of an Osca. DePriest, and the eloquence of a Frederick Douglass, but above all, at the behest and choice of a free and untrammeled electorate. He comes panoplied in the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth, who, according to sacred history, was no "reed shaken by the wind," but a man who delivered the people because of the greatness of his strength.

He was born to rally the masses in a crisis. Only once in a while do such characters appear on the world's horizon or in the history of a race. They appear like stars blazing through a dark night. It has happened that one deed or one utterance from such fiery souls flashes like lightning through the century. They appear in history when the fullness of time comes for people to be aroused to battle for their own freedom. In such an hour, the people look for a star. Adam Powell is a patriotic star of the first magnitude.

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LABOR *looks* AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CI

AFTER SEVEN YEARS of unswerving determination to ban jimcro from American merchant vessels the National Maritime Union has succeeded in adding a clause to its new agreement with the operators which declares: **"There shall be no discrimination because of race, creed or color, or national origin."**

Ferdinand Smith

The National War Labor Board, created by President Roosevelt, in approving the entire agreement, has placed the Government's stamp of approval on the Union's long-established, cardinal policy of full equality for Negroes.

I believe this achievement holds great significance for all Negro workers everywhere.

First, the formal recognition in the NMU contract that there shall be no discrimination on the thousands of ships manned by our more than 90,000 Negro and white members will greatly strengthen the hand of the FEPC.

This is of major significance and will help the campaign for establishment of a permanent FEPC.

Also of prime importance is the assurance guaranteed by this clause that for the duration of the war and in the post-war period, economic AND social equality not only is possible but has been accomplished in the maritime industry.

This fact, at long last recognized by Government and industry, has far-reaching implications for American labor. For what the NMU has been able to achieve through a correct approach to this problem is possible for ALL SHORESIDE INDUSTRY.

Remember, on a ship Negroes and whites not only work together, but they eat, sleep, play and study together. The ship is their home. How much easier such unity can be welded in shoreside jobs!

What is the role of Negro workers in attaining such necessary unity? After the war attempts may be made to smash the unity established during the war. This danger only emphasizes the need for sound thinking and affirmative action by Negroes in building and strengthening the trade unions.

Negro trade unionists can press for the same gains which were won by the NMU against seemingly overwhelming odds. All that is needed is honest leadership which takes a firm, unequivocal stand on the issue. Negroes outside the ranks of organized labor have no voice in the selection of such leaders. Need any more be said?

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IWO Plans for Elections

In order to assure maximum national turnout to the polls in November, the International Workers Order, Inc., 80 Fifth av, progressive labor fraternal organizations, plans to distribute movie trailers, posters, lapel buttons, postcards, publicity releases, and cartoon mats to the national group press, letters to lodges and to utilize mail envelope slogans and radio spot announcements.

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Victory Committee Works for Powell

The Negro Labor Victory Committee opened the third phase of its political action campaign by endorsing the election of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., to Congress and the re-election of President Roosevelt. It urged a large turnout at the primary elections on August 1.

Morris Doswell, executive board member of the Victory Committee and a leader of Local 65 of the Wholesale and Warehouse Workers (CIO), gave a check for $300 to M. Moran Weston, field secretary of the committee, in proof that the local, with its 16,000 members, 3,000 of whom are Negroes, "mean business when we say we support Powell for Congress." The check was turned over to Powell's campaign manager.

John Goodman, secretary of Local 1 4 (AFL) pledged the support of his union for the election of the Rev. Mr. Powell, whose presence in Congress, he said, "is necessary not only as a representative of the Negro people and other minorities, but to help lead the fight for labor for a democratic America at home and unconditional victory abroad."

Arthur Huff Fauset, chairman of the People's Action Committee of Philadelphia, declared that Adam Powell is a leader not only of the fight for democracy in New York, but all over the country. "When we in Philadelphia sought help in our struggle to break down discrimination on bus lines and street cars," he declared, "we turned to Adam Powell and not to his opponent, for we know he could not help us."

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SOAPBOX -- by Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

POWELL

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT WALTER WHITE'S putting the NAACP into politics is tommy rot. In the first place, Mr. White, executive secretary of the organization, can no more deliver the NAACP vote than any individual can deliver the so-called Negro vote. Furthermore, the members of the NAACP are not beholden to Mr. White, but he to them. They are under no obligations to him. And he could not bind them if he wished.

Those who are leveling their attacks upon White, accusing him of playing politics with the NAACP, use as the basis of their charges the fact that he praised the New Deal at the wartime conference of the association, held recently in Chicago, but had no good words for the Republican party. They contend that the NAACP should stick to its program of fighting for civil rights.

How, we ask, can any one fight for civil rights without a liberal government in power to support those rights?

Mr. White, like any other American citizen, has a right to express his political opinions and to abide by them and advise any one whom he sees fit to abide by them—even as you and I. Furthermore, the NAACP has a right, as any other group—civic, religious, labor, fraternal, or what-not—to take a political stand at any time it wishes to do so.

In fact, it is not only the right, but the DUTY, of all persons to take part in the politics of their government. And, certainly, it behooves Negroes, especially, to do all they can to help put into power or keep in power a liberal administration. If Mr. White chooses to support the Democratic nominee in the coming Presidential election, who can say that he does not have the right, morally and ethically, let alone sound judgment?

Those who are squawking because of his good utterances concerning the New Deal would probably encourage him if he were whooping it up for Dewey's crowd. We do not intend to lambast every member of the Grand Old Party, no more than we aim to praise every member of the Democratic party. We simply point to the record of both parties for Negroes to see and examine for themselves. And, in the language of the streets: NUF SED.

Regardless of party planks and platforms, the New Deal record cannot be hidden under a bushel. If there are any good things in the G.O.P.'s plank, they were garnered from the progressive activities of the Roosevelt administration, those very activities which the die-hards fought to suppress.

The war will soon be over, and once again during the lifetime of most of us, the problems of economic readjustment will be facing us—the same problems that faced Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover following World War I. And what did they do after coming into office? What progressive steps did they take?

Breadlines lengthened and pocketbooks shortened until those very advocates of big business and conservatism, who espoused the Hoover theories, had no one left with a quarter to whom to sell their goods.

I asked what these Republican leaders did. You know the answer—NOTHING. And, in line with his past and current performances, Mr. Dewey has another DO-NOTHING program up his sleeve.

It is far better to make mistakes, while pushing forward, than it is to wait for time and tide to cure all things.

As the old Chinese adage goes: He who is afraid to take the next step will find himself forever standing on one foot.

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The Negro and the Democratic Convention

THE NEGRO'S BASIC INTERESTS were greatly advanced at the recent Democratic National Convention. Only a superficial or blindly partisan appraisal could lead to any other conclusion. True, the anti-discrimination plank in the Democratic platform contains far fewer "words" and specific "promises" than the Negro people desired, fewer even than the Republican platform. This is partly due to the very short and general character of the platform as a whole. It also represents a compromise with the reactionary southern minority within the Democratic Party, who fought hard to prevent the adoption of any anti-discrimination plank whatever.

But this is small comfort for the anti-Negro and anti-Roosevelt poll taxers, for they were defeated on every major issue by the progressive forces at the Convention.

First, the southern poll taxers were soundly defeated in their efforts to prevent the re-nomination of the Negro's greatest friend in the White House. Their attempt to restore the two-thirds rule which would give them veto power over the nomination was slapped down decisively. And their much advertised "revolt" against a fourth term was a complete flop. They couldn't even muster 100 anti-Roosevelt votes out of a total of nearly 1,200.

President Roosevelt's consistent anti-discrimination policies and deeds (not to mention those of Mrs. Roosevelt) make him more hated by the white-supremacyites than any Republican in the country. Yet, this is "That Man," whose fourth-term nomination they are forced to accept. **Let us not lose sight of this transcendent fact in our concern over more bitterly contested issues.**

Second, the poll taxers were defeated in their efforts to nominate a southerner for Vice President. They wanted Byrnes of South Carolina, but President Roosevelt pulled him out of the race. They tried to get Bankhead of Alabama, but the Convention turned him down cold. As a result, the southerners were forced to chose between two known progressives, Wallace and Truman, both friends of the Negro people.

The first ballot strength demonstrated by the fearless and outspoken Wallace nearly scared the poll taxers out of their wits. It was amusing to see with what haste they then "bolted" (from their native sons) to Truman, in the fervent hope that he would prove to be the lesser evil. In their desperation, the southern delegations were quite willing to overlook Senator Truman's vote for cloture to stop the fillibuster against the anti-poll tax bill, his almost perfect pro-Roosevelt and pro-labor record, and the Truman Committee's blast against racial discrimination in war industries.

We preferred the renomination of Vice President Wallace. But our disappointment on this score does not blind us to th extremely important fact that a true progressive holds second place on the Democratic ticket, and that the magnificen fight of Wallace was the main thing which led to the southerners' defeat.

Third, the poll-tax delegations were defeated in their struggle for a reactionary platform. Their "states' rights" and "white supremacy" plank (reproduced below) was decisively rejected, and they were forced to go along with the platform principle that the full powers of Congress should be used to enforce democratic rights for racial and religious minorities. **And they know that behind that statement of principle stands Roosevelt's very substantial record of achievements and his determination to follow through.**

Moreover, in its broader aspects, the Democratic platform sets forth those progressive foreign and domestic policies for the nation as a whole which constitute the only possible basis upon which the Negro's [illegible] strides toward freedom can continue until full equality is won.

Far from the setback which partisans proclaim, the Democratic National Convention was a real triumph for the Negro and all other freedom-loving Americans.

The defeated, anti-democratic poll taxers went home complaining that the Convention catered to the wishes of "Negroes, the CIO, the Communists and other racial minority groups."

The labor and other progressive forces around President Roosevelt emerged with even greater dominance and control over the policies of the Democratic Party.

An honest and straightforward program was adopted for complete victory in war, enduring peace, and post-war economic security and freedom for the masses of all men.

It is upon such a program and upon such national leadership that the continued progress of the Negro people fundamentally depends.

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One God---One People

By [illegible] RICHARDSON

THIS WEEK a Congress of Applied Religion is being held in Detroit. My good friend and servant to all humanity, Claude Williams, will see a long and happy dream come true when the opening prayer ushers in the actual business of the days that follow. The above suggests just what we have been talking about in this column for the past few weeks—practical religion—religion in the street, the faith of common men in one another and therefore in God.

RICHARDSON

RELIGION IS ALL OF LIFE

There is no area of life devoid of religion. No task or calling is of great enough moment to successfully repudiate the fact of religion. In order for this to be true, religion must be defined as life. A soldier, more than anyone in this day, understands this definition. He lives constantly on the threshold of that door that swings outward into the unknown from whence no man has returned, and inward toward continued life which is the cherished heritage of us who live. Soldiers live constantly in the presence of God. They are more conscious of Him than we.

Because men in the armed forces are perennially in the crux of now and beyond, they are given to beautiful mystical thinking. Their thoughts are the quick, staccato, ejaculations of the harried warrior. Yet, they carry the weight of the lonely, the pensive, the seeker who in the midst of his legions longs for the placid quiet of home. A friend—though we've never met—sent me the description that follows. It is well written—homely—plain with the simple beauty of truth.

REASSIGNMENT

A Study in Feelings

By Raymond H. [illegible]

Finally someone answered the insistent ringing of the phone—"Meeting in the day room," is the message. It is passed on and grumbling, questioning men file slowly into the day room. Rumors fly thick and fast—and then silence, as the commanding officer enters.

Briefly and without pause for questions, he says, "The following men will pack and be prepared to leave for the United States at a moment's notice." That is all. Stunned men take a hushed minute to grasp the fact that a beautiful and oft-recurring dream is a reality. Then, one hundred and fifty voices are yelling, shouting, singing and laughing. Home!! It's wonderful! The world is all right again! Who said it wasn't!!

Then followed days of waiting. Time passed on leaden feet. Men who had complained of too much work now paradoxically did the same of inactivity. At last, after tedious preparation, the day came. The boat train arrived and they were off. A last look at familiar spots—spots where grim activities had been seen, spots where friends had been made and lost, spots that would forever hold memories.

But home was in the offing. The familiar sound of clacking railroad wheels sang their song, "Going home, Going home, Going home." Things began to move faster. Time picked up its heels and began to sprint. . . . There was the ship . . . and the long lines of men filed joyously aboard.

A clanging of bells and a soft swaying motion signalled the start of the happiest voyage a man can take. As the outlines of that now not-so-foreign land faded away, a burden seemed to be lifted from each man's shoulders, his heart was light again, his step springy again, his mind clear again. He was on his way home!

Long, lazy days were spent under a tropical sun. Beautiful, starlit, moonlit nights—when thoughts turned to loved ones. Once again fighting men were boys—boys with dreams, boys with hopes, boys with laughing, pretty girls at their sides. A beatific feeling pervaded the being of every man and a somewhat saintly smile was on each face. Night with all her promises had come, had seen and had conquered each man in his own way. Here and there small groups congregated and shared their hopes and dreams.

And so the tropics became the temperate. The very air seemed different and sharp eyes peered on all sides to be the first to glimpse home. Suddenly, at dusk, the cry came, "There it is!" and grown men became children, shouting insanely, pummeling one another. . . .

The demonstration stopped as suddenly as it had begun. A joyous silence captured the ship as it slowly nosed into the mouth of the river.

Gone were the blackout restrictions, and the flickering light of a cigarette would show its momentary light on the face of a completely happy boy. The men crowded the rails for glimpses of homes with their friendly cones of light from windows, for glimpses of automobile lights as they flashed by in the distance, for glimpses of wondering fishermen as they passed in the night; yes, even for glimpses of just plain American land.

Once again time was stuck in the mud, and impatience mounted as the slow trip up river continued, mounted as the ship tied up, mounted as the slow process of giving out furloughs proceeded, mounted as the home-bound train roared into the night—but suddenly there was no impatience left, there was no train, no boat, no routine. There were only days of glorious relaxation, there were nights of bright lights and laughter ahead, there were their loved ones waiting; and they were home on reassignment.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE NAT'L MARITIME UNION held its third annual convention in New York July 17-21 with mixed representation from 11 cities, North and South. The auxiliary adopted as its most major task the "re-election of Roosevelt and a win-the-war Congress." Other resolutions of the group concerned unemployment insurance legislation for merchant sailors, cooperation with Civilian Defense Volunteer projects, full equality for Negro women in the armed services, and supported OPA regulations. These delegates, talking with Frederick N. Myers, NMU vice-president are (l to r) Mesdames Frances Hendrickson, Chicago president; Alice Barret, assistant national director; Terry Lemon, national director; Gladys Williams; Raye Rubin, national president; Agnes B[illegible], president New York; and rear, Bertha Kitson—(PV foto).

NEW ORLEANS DELEGATION WAS TYPICAL of the group that attended the convention. Delegates from Southern cities were proud of the cooperation achieved by members of both races, working together in the same units, visiting hospitals together, and working jointly on political action projects. Mrs. Ursula Barrett (left) and Mrs. Gladys Williams, New Orleans representatives, discussed some of their work with Joe Curran, NMU president. Mrs. Williams who is president of her auxiliary is also chairman of their political action committee which has been busy during the past few months getting people out to register for the fall elections. Mrs. Barrett heads the membership committee of this busy branch of the auxiliary, now about one year old and consisting of 50 members, all relatives of NMU member seamen—(PV foto).

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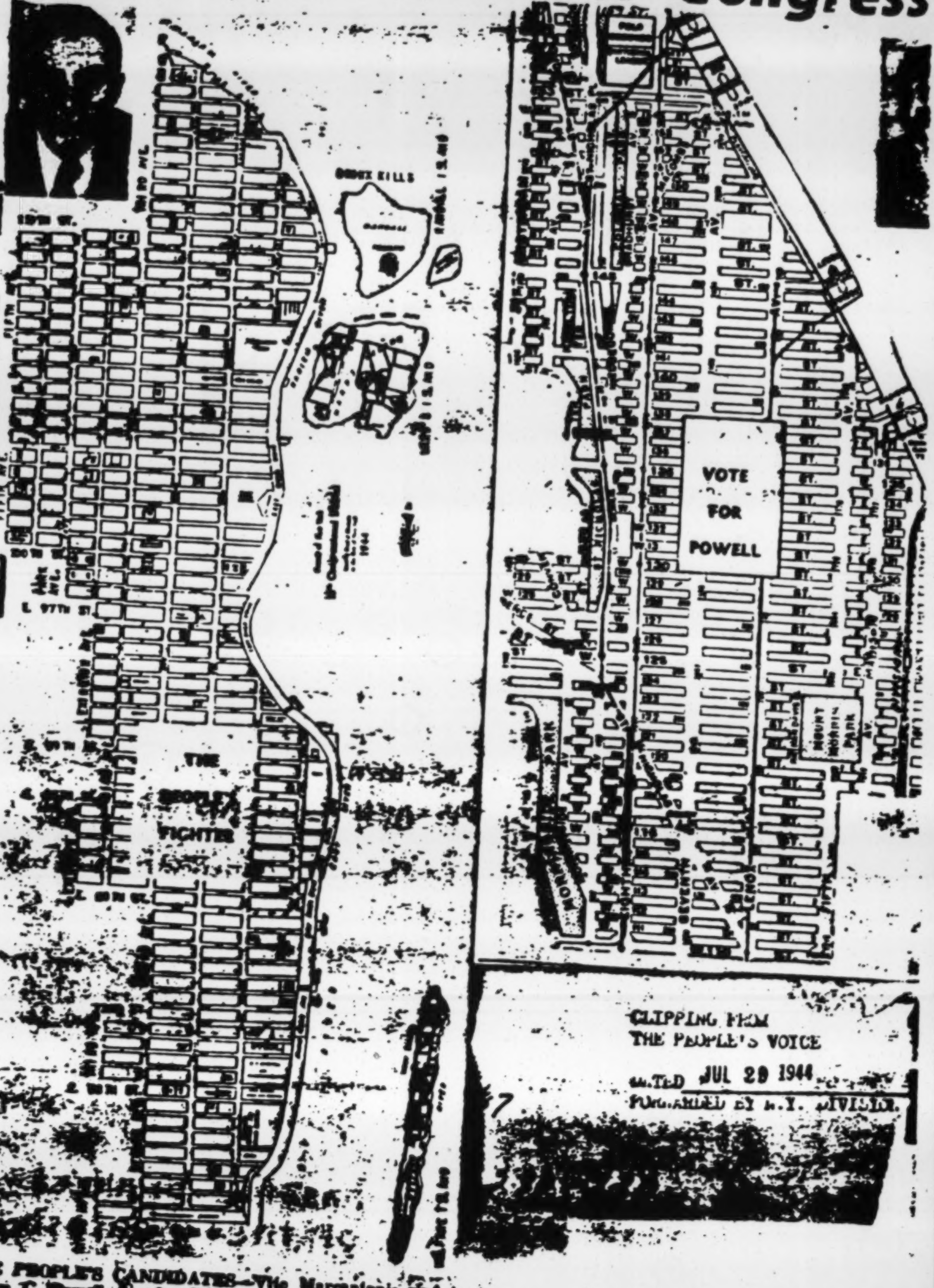

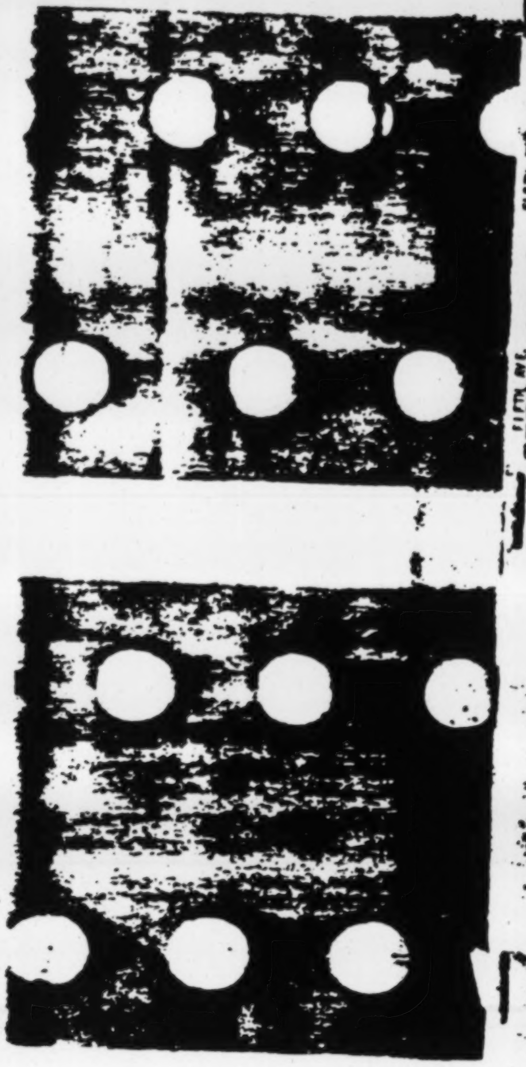

THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATES—Vito Marcantonio and Adam C. Powell, Jr.—for Congress on the Democratic, Republican and American Labor Party tickets in the primary elections Tuesday, August 1, and the Congressional districts they represent.

VOTE EARLY! POLL OPEN 3 TO 10 PM

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AUBREY PANKEY, baritone, who will be heard in a group of classical songs each Wednesday night over the NBC network at 10:15 pm beginning this Wednesday. He will be accompanied at the organ by George Crooks.

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LABOR *looks* AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CI

A LETTER FROM A READER makes the point that it is not a party platform that is a test of a candidate, but rather the candidate himself and his expressed policies.

By this criterion alone the Roosevelt - Truman ticket stands head and shoulders above the Republican nominees.

Ferdinand Smith

Moreover, whereas the Republican plank on the Negro belies Republican knifing of Negro aspirations, the Democratic platform is a Roosevelt platform; one that told off the southern poll tax bourbons in thundering tones and reiterates the "common man" philosophy of the Roosevelt Administration under which the Negro people have made gigantic strides on the road to full freedom and equality.

Vice-President Wallace, who seconded FDR's renomination in Chicago, spelled out that philosophy for all to see when he asserted that the program of President Roosevelt calls for: elimination of the poll tax, equal political, educational and economic opportunities for all, equal wages for equal work, regardless of sex or race.

Some Negro leaders, unfortunately, deplore the fact that the Democratic platform did not blueprint the steps to be taken for Negro advancement. This is a politically immature attitude.

The Roosevelt-Truman team has a record of progressive ACTION. The Dewey-Bricker-Hoover-McCormick forces have a record of unparalleled REACTION.

The Negro worker who is backed on his job by the FEPC; who is voting in southern states under the historic decision of a Supreme Court appointed by FDR; whose entire economic, social and political status has improved a hundredfold in the last 12 years—he doesn't need an A-B-C to tell him who are his friends.

Organized labor agrees 100% with Henry Wallace that the nomination of Sen. Harry Truman is a continued step forward in the Roosevelt tradition. Truman is a proved friend of the Negro people and his investigation of war industries as head of the Truman Committee, has saved the taxpayers billions of dollars and expedited the nation's all-out effort.

Only a sincere progressive could have done the magnificent job he did. We have seen what misuse Congressional phonies like Dies, Smith, Byrd, etc., have made of their committees. That gives us a clear picture of Truman's worth and stature.

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JOHN N. GRIGGS jr is a courageous, capable and inspired young attorney who has gone a-trailblazing in the political forest because he thinks it imperative that Negroes have adequate representation in the legislative halls of our state. . . . He is currently bucking the political tide by running as an independent candidate for the Assembly from the 7th A.D. in the Bronx. . . . Though a young man he is no Johnny-come-lately on the firing line of active interest and participation in the struggle of his people. . . . He is President of the New York City branch of the NAACP. and a member of just about every community organization you can mention. . . . A New Yorker by birth and was educated in the schools here and the University of Wisconsin. . . . Took law at NYU. . . . His bid for the Assembly post is a natural follow up to his militant fight for full participation in the life of the nation by all the citizens, regardless of race, creed or any other ridiculous barrier which might be set up to defeat that end.

Negro Voters in Arkansas Unmolested by Whites

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — As Negroes voted freely here last week, the end of a long fight for the franchise appeared about

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Rev. Powell Ill; Advised To Rest

On the advice of physicians, Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, jr. left town on Saturday evening for a rest, thus bringing to a premature close his strenuous personal schedule in the primary elections campaign for nomination as representative in Congress from the 22nd Congressional District.

OPA Chairman Denies

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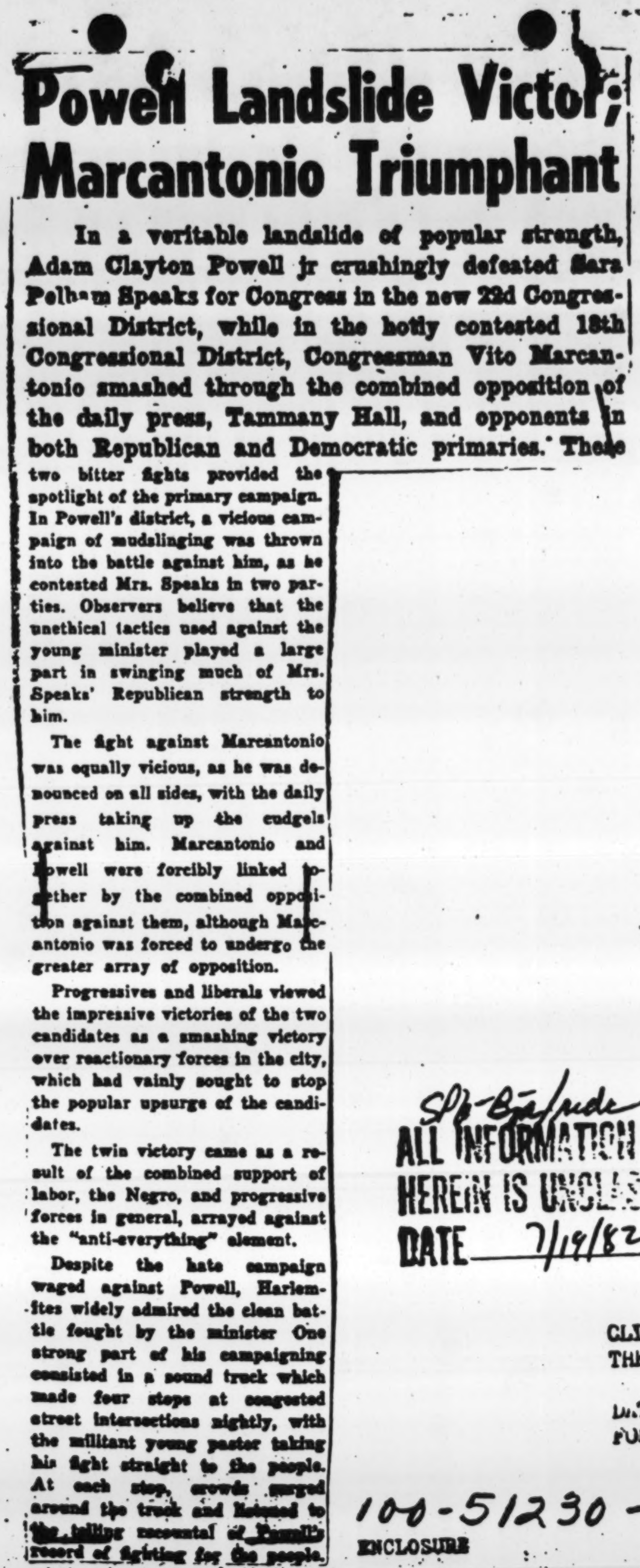

Powell Landslide Victor; Marcantonio Triumphant

In a veritable landslide of popular strength, Adam Clayton Powell jr crushingly defeated Sara Pelham Speaks for Congress in the new 22d Congressional District, while in the hotly contested 18th Congressional District, Congressman Vito Marcantonio smashed through the combined opposition of the daily press, Tammany Hall, and opponents in both Republican and Democratic primaries. These two bitter fights provided the spotlight of the primary campaign. In Powell's district, a vicious campaign of mudslinging was thrown into the battle against him, as he contested Mrs. Speaks in two parties. Observers believe that the unethical tactics used against the young minister played a large part in swinging much of Mrs. Speaks' Republican strength to him.

The fight against Marcantonio was equally vicious, as he was denounced on all sides, with the daily press taking up the cudgels against him. Marcantonio and Powell were forcibly linked together by the combined opposition against them, although Marcantonio was forced to undergo the greater array of opposition.

Progressives and liberals viewed the impressive victories of the two candidates as a smashing victory over reactionary forces in the city, which had vainly sought to stop the popular upsurge of the candidates.

The twin victory came as a result of the combined support of labor, the Negro, and progressive forces in general, arrayed against the "anti-everything" element.

Despite the hate campaign waged against Powell, Harlemites widely admired the clean battle fought by the minister One strong part of his campaigning consisted in a sound truck which made four stops at congested street intersections nightly, with the militant young pastor taking his fight straight to the people. At each stop, crowds surged around the truck and listened to the telling recountal of Powell's record of fighting for the people.

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Defender Third Paper To Sign Guild Contract

CHICAGO—Best contract ever signed by a Negro newspaper with the American Newspaper Guild belongs to the Chicago Defender, embodying more advantages and higher pay than contracts signed by the two other Negro papers which have Guild contracts—New York Amsterdam News and New York *Peoples Voice.*

The *Defender* contract provides for its editorial workers: three weeks vacation with pay after five years of service; severance pay upon resignation; time and a half for overtime after eight hours, wage minimums up to $50 for reporters and $55 for editorial deskmen and special writers after three years, $70 for editors.

These pay levels are approximately twice the salaries now being paid editorial workers on the majority of Negro newspapers.

First Negro paper to sign a Guild contract was the *Amsterdam News;* second was the *Peoples Voice*. The Guild has tried vainly to sign contracts with the Pittsburgh *Courier* and *Afro-American*, where the workers are organized.

Seeing the success of the *Amsterdam News* and *Voice* Guildsmen, other newspaper workers organized into units but none has been successful in getting publishers to sign with the Guild, until the *Defender* unit crashed through.

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New Yorkers Pleased Over Primaries Result

As the thumping victories of Vito Marcantonio and Adam Clayton Powell were counted Tuesday, liberal and progressive groups here were jubilant at this further example of the unity of the people against reactionary groups. Sampling public opinion, PV asked a cross section of Harlem what they thought of the twin success, in the light of it being a true victory for the people. They said:

Adelaide Lockhart, women's auxiliary Dining Car Waiters: It is a victory not only for Adam Powell, but also for the people of Harlem. Vito Marcantonio has been what was needed for years and is fighting for the same gains as Adam Powell.

Richard Morford, Committee To Abolish the Poll Tax: I have worked with both of them for nearly two years and they are both in the fight. Their winning of the primary was an achievement for the people We have a people's world to build, both during the war and following it.

Charles A. Collins, executive secretary, Negro Labor Victory Committee: It is a great victory for unity, but will be an empty one unless we go all the way and re-elect Roosevelt. United behind them we shall win victory over fascism abroad and little Hitlers at home and move on to a world free of want, fear and discrimination.

Ferdinand C. Smith, secretary, National Maritime Union: It is proof the people know more about voting than the politicians. Give them credit. They understand they must not only re-elect Roosevelt but must elect Congressmen who support him. Labor is right in organizing the people for political action.

M. Moran Weston, state chairman, Civic Liberties Department, Elks of NY: The smashing victories of Powell and Marcantonio in Tuesday's primaries is not only a personal triumph, but a victory for the people in their fight for a new world—a victory for those who support our Commander-in Chief and his policies—a victory for those who seek to unite the people. It was a defeat for Dewey.

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One God---One P[illegible]ple

By RHEUBIE B. RICHARDSON

EVERY [illegible] it may be only casual or [illegible] from the [illegible] of those who practice [illegible]—and if you look at it right you can see that this is only [illegible] way of [illegible]. This [illegible]—but only with the [illegible] are [illegible].

As I look at the Negro and religion I see three distinct trends—the religion of our fathers, the religion of ourselves and friends, and the religion of our children. It can easily be considered as the religions of the immediate past, the immediate present, and the immediate future.

THE IMMEDIATE PAST

The generation before us is definitely inclined toward the idea that the young people have forgotten how to go to church—how to worship as they were taught to worship. It is their constant lament that their children have turned from God. And in their disappointment and sorrow they turn to their religion with more zeal, more fervor, and more shouting—but with no [illegible] understanding of what their children are actually doing with their religion. Our parents still go to meetings and have a good time singing hymns, praying, and giving testimony. Given half an opening any one of a dozen of them will tell you how God has always answered their prayers, has always shown them the way when the path was dark, and how He has looked out for his own.

There is no doubt about the [illegible] of our parents. It is based upon a deep and beautiful faith; it is the essence of their religion. And it is indeed a wonderful devotion that can make a man live a self-sacrificing, Christian life—that can give him the personal joy and peace that these folk have.

To them Jesus is a friend as well as confidant. They try hard to carry out His teachings faithfully, and because they have lived so long in the glory of His word they cannot understand why their children should turn from this well-spring of human life that has proved itself through the centuries. Some of them even laugh at the youngsters who graduate from high schools and colleges and go on securing more knowledge, more skill, and more degrees. They mumble, yes, and even shout, that education isn't everything—that without God these young people are nothing, and they are right. Our generation knows they are right—and we are trying hard—but we just have different way of showing the results of our experiences with God and religion.

THE IMMEDIATE PRESENT

Our generation is what Negro writers and speakers and leaders of today are referring to as the "New Negro." This New Negro makes his religion work for him. Fundamentally, our ideas do not differ too much from those of our fathers. We still love the old hymns and prayers and we still need and listen to the services with [illegible] and inspiration. Basically, we have the same religious beliefs that they held—but we have added to them. We have *information*. We know that the Bible is not necessarily the final word of God to mankind, and that the writing and compiling of the Bible was [illegible], inspiration was not [illegible].

We have made our religion a decidedly practical thing in our lives. We have realized that with the help of God and good honest work we can make our living conditions better. We know that God isn't going downtown to get a job for us—but we know that with God in our hearts and information in our heads we can get and keep a good job. We know that God isn't going to build a house for us—but we know that [illegible] God and skill we can build a sturdy home.

No, parents, we haven't turned from God—we are WITH Him. Our religion is still in our hearts, and more important—it is in our heads also. The faith of the New Negro is a common sense faith.

THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

And what will we teach our children of God and religion? We know that some of the favorite Bible stories should be told with a tongue in the cheek; stories about Jonah being swallowed by a whale and being [illegible] up on the shore safely; stories such as Daniel being [illegible] into a Den of lions and had been [illegible] just such a [illegible] and coming out unharmed; and stories like [illegible] being turned to salt. We'll teach these stories as part of their culture, [illegible] we want to have this part of religious learning along with the [illegible] that can make God a part of you as no other medium can. And we'll teach them to have the practical [illegible] to put their religion to work for them.

We'll teach our children that the salvation of the New Negro lies not only in his religion, not only in his being [illegible], not only in his finding economic opportunities, and not only in his [illegible]. We must blend these all together in adequate proportions with an unbreakable [illegible] kindle our hearts and [illegible] the flame [illegible]

"Scope" Editor Liberal

By TED ZITEL

IT WAS MARK TWAIN who said: "Everybody grumbles about the weather, but no one does anything about it!" That's the way liberals acted about the anti-labor, anti-Negro READERS DIGEST. Finally, along came one man who did something about it. That man is Leverett S. Gleason, editor of the new national digest magazine, READERS SCOPE. With only two issues on the stands, READERS SCOPE is already showing signs of nudging the DIGEST from its throne.

When the first issue was brought to our attention, we were naturally curious to know more about the man who edits a publication which won spontaneous support from the general public, as well as labor and minority groups. So down to SCOPE'S muraled offices we went to corner Lev Gleason and learn the following vital statistics.

QUITE A CAREER

Gleason is a tall New Englander, a veteran of both "World Wars," a fast-thinker who has been a stockbroker, a Broadway restauranteur, a comic book publisher, as well as the publisher of three fast-selling paper-covered books: "The Incredible Tito," by Howard Fast; "When and How the War Will End," by Johannes Steel; and "Sabotage," by Michael Sayers and Albert Kahn.

"That's an exciting career you've had," we told him. "Did you always want to be a publisher, or did it sneak up on you?"

Gleason lit a cigarette, smiled, and leaned back in his comfortable swivel chair. "I think I've always wanted to get into this business. As a matter of fact, many years ago, I worked for a stock exchange firm editing its monthly paper to the clients. I was very unhappy. A fellow employee of mine shared my dislike and together we planned to leave. One day we took the decisive step—I into the publishing business and he to Hollywood where he is now known as Walter Pidgeon."

ABOLITIONIST BACKGROUND

When I tried to place Gleason's almost indistinct broad "A," he broke down and confessed he was a Bostonian—but of democratic tradition," he hastened to add.

"My maternal grandfather and the person for whom I was named, Leverett G. E. Stone, devoted [illegible] to the abolitionist movement in the border states, Kentucky and Ohio.

LEVERETT S. GLEASON

"Dr. Aaron Gleason, a surgeon in the United States Army during the Civil War, retired to New Hampshire where for many years after the war he devoted much of his practice to the free treatment of Negro veterans. So, you see, my family has a real American tradition and I hope to be carrying it on in the 20th Century. Those of us who are fighting Jim Crow and other minority discriminations today are the abolitionists of our time."

WIN-THE-WAR MAG

As one looks over the contents of the first two issues of SCOPE it becomes apparent that Gleason is publishing a sincere, win-the-war magazine. Its first issue (July) contained an explosive prediction which came true even before the magazine had a chance to reach the stands—that Martin Dies would vanish from the political scene. It is the opinion of many people that Dies feared the storm that would break around his [illegible] Kahn's expose, "I [illegible] the July issue. So, he vanished. This issue also contained exciting articles by Johannes Steel, William L. Shirer, Pierre Cot and Franz Weiskopf.

The second issue contained an article by Henrietta Buckmaster which the PEOPLE'S VOICE brought to the attention of its readers: "The Fifty-Fourth," the story of the famous Negro Regiment during the Civil War.

FOR NATIONAL UNITY

Also in that issue it condensed "The Races of Mankind," the controversial pamphlet that blasts sham white supremacy. And, as a special feature it included an inspirational piece written especially for SCOPE by Howard Fast, author of "Citizen Tom Paine," called: "The Dead Will Not Sleep." So brilliant was this prose that swanky Lord & Taylor devoted a complete window display to it and the International Latex Corporation of America purchased half pages in eight of our leading newspapers throughout the country to reprint it. Radio Commentator William S. Gailmor read it over the air on his program (WHN at 9 pm) and it brought a storm of requests for copies.

Chocked full of vital, provocative articles, SCOPE is must reading for all thinking people. And with a man like Lev Gleason at the helm, we know it will continue to be just that.

When asked if he had a message for the readers of PEOPLE'S VOICE, he said: "SCOPE is a magazine dedicated first and foremost to the winning of the war and the winning of the peace. For that purpose we are dedicating ourselves to the cementing of national unity. SCOPE salutes THE PEOPLE'S VOICE as another ally in the fight [illegible] case of youth pointing [illegible]me to light this week with [illegible]thern Negro Youth Congress [illegible] school program at Atlanta [illegible]rk from August 7 through [illegible] discussion on the question of [illegible] already been made with the [illegible], executive secretary of the [illegible]lfare; Editor C. A. Scott, Atlanta [illegible] Mitchell, Southern Region CIO [illegible]opics [illegible] include *Education for South in National Economy, Con[illegible] Social Welfare and Child* [illegible] Primus will lead a dance group.

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[illegible]nd here proved that they have no[illegible] $1,000 to the United Negro Col[illegible]sents the half-way mark to the [illegible]as come from 82 graduates and [illegible]eges. The report was made at a [illegible]hurch last Sunday when princip[illegible] president of Shaw University.

[illegible] and Negro members of the [illegible]eek presented a united front in a [illegible] Times for a story purporting [illegible]mory, but which the council de[illegible] "immediately preceded the se[illegible]year. Members, including Mayor [illegible] Chandler that particularly [illegible] growth of gangs is a result of [illegible] war-depleted police force."

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[illegible] movement pushed ahead [illegible] of a fully furnished [illegible]

JAMES EGERT ALLEN, recent recipient of the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth, was elected to the executive board of Manhattan Council Boy Scouts last Tuesday. Mr. Allen, who will become chairman of the Harlem Committee organized a year ago to increase the scope of scouting in the area, succeeds Robert S. Davis, Borough Scout Commissioner, who resigned at the June meeting of the board. Robert T. Curtis succeeds Mr. Allen as District Scout Commissioner.

PV Editor to Teach Reconversion Course

Doxey Wilkerson, executive editor of "People's Voice," will be one of the instructors in a five-day course on problems of reconversion in industry and the shape of the post-war world, to be conducted by the Jefferson School of Social Science, new adult educational institute, from August 7 to 11. Other instructors include Marcel Scherer, of District 4 of the United Electrical Workers and Ruth Young, executive Secretary of the same union.

The problems to be considered are now being examined by both business and labor in an attempt to avoid post-war crisis and insure a smooth transition to a peace-time economy. The class will meet daily from 2 pm to 4 pm. The fee is $5. The Jefferson School is at 575 Sixth av.

Urban League Trains Emergency Policemen

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- graduation from high school;
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Jamaican Farm Workers Send SOS

A two-day strike was conducted in Port Jefferson, L.I., last week by 150 Jamaican farm workers brought to this country by the Department of Agriculture to relieve the farm-labor shortage.

A PV reporter went to the labor camp in response to a telegram from the farm laborers, which read: "Treatment of colored farm laborers intolerable. Full support needed. Send us representative immediately." This is what he found:

- **the workers complained of being underpaid (their contracts called for prevailing wage scales) and overworked; and their resentment had flamed into defiance when one farmer-employer was said to have called them "black Jamaican bastards;"**
- **the men had refused to work Monday until some adjustment had been made;**
- **at a meeting between a council formed by the laborers and the farmers on Tuesday, the rough treatment by the farmers and the unequal wage scale between American and Jamaican farm workers were discussed;**
- **An agreement was reached at the conference and the men returned to their work on Wednesday.**

LASELVE DaCOSTA AND LAURENCE HENRY, leaders in the Workers Council negotiations at Port Jefferson—(PV foto).

Only three farmers were accused of treating the workers harshly, but the issue of wages was more general. Farmers were accused of paying them only six cents a bushel for picking and the picking was poor due to the drought.

Proof that the Jamaicans were paid less than the Americans was not available. However, the farm county agent ruled that the men were to be paid at least 50 cents an hour for picking when the picking was poor.

Imported workers had no fault to find with the labor camp itself. Their main complaint was that they came to this country in the belief that they would earn from $75 to $100 a week, when in reality they had been able to earn only $22 at the highest.

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SOAPBOX

by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

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ALTHOUGH HENRY A. WALLACE LOST OUT in his fight to win the Democratic Vice Presidential nomination, the circumstances surrounding his defeat are far from discouraging. In fact, they are encouraging—to say the least. Wallace has now become the symbol of democracy and hope in Democratic ranks as Wendell Willkie is this symbol in Republican ranks. It gives us an anchor to which to cling and a star to which to pin our faith.

One of the most outstanding events—and event it was—in the Wallace fight, was that some of the southern states picked him as their choice. In the first ballot, Georgia—of all states—gave its total number of votes to Wallace and stayed with him to the bitter end. Texas, which led the would-be revolt against the New Deal, gave Wallace 27 to Truman's 21 in the first ballot.

When we realize that these southern states cast their votes for Wallace, following his bold advocacy of rights for all minority groups and his denunciation of poll taxes and unequal opportunities, the action is all the more outstanding.

Another encouraging sign was the reception given to the Vice President by the rank and file of the delegates at the convention. **He was undoubtedly the idol of the hour.** His appearance and his speech were more vociferously lauded than those of any other leading figure. It is no wonder that his wife said that she was happier over her husband's defeat this year than over his victory in former years. For, as Mrs. Wallace pointed out, his reception at former conventions was so bitter that he had difficulty talking at all, due to the downright boos and blasts from the delegates.

When Mr. Wallace completed his speech at this Convention, in which he lauded the liberal policies of the New Deal, while at the same time knowing that he was sticking his head in the lion's mouth, the eyes of a number of hard-boiled politicians were misty. There is no doubt that this statesman has left his mark on even the white-supremacy advocates and has once again proved that liberalism is not yet dead in America.

Another encouraging factor of the convention that can't be laughed off is that **the South's threatened revolt against the New Deal did not materialize.** After ~~all~~ their brash talk about white supremacy, southern whites are thinking and are reading the handwriting on the wall.

I am sure that in the secret cranial chambers of many of these folks who carry aloft the banner of white supremacy are hidden thoughts of clarity and liberalism. I am sure that many of them do not believe what they openly espouse, but that they voice these opinions because they believe they will win the votes of the masses.

Where they make their mistakes, however, is that the masses are well ahead of the politicians, and would welcome a leader who would lead them out of the wilderness of backward confusion into the path of progress and brotherhood. The defeat of Governor Talmadge of Georgia Joe Starnes of Alabama, Martin Dies of Texas, Cotton Ed Smith of South Carolina, and Hattie Caraway of Arkansas stand as proofs of this trend.

I am firmly convinced that the man with enough wisdom and guts to take the lead in this direction can awaken and remake the South.

Most of us have had the experience of running into white persons, fresh from the Deep South, who seem relieved to be able to associate with Negroes and to accept them as human beings and even as equals. They are glad to throw off the yoke of blind prejudice that has swamped their thinking and living, when free from the southern laws that foster and actually **force** this attitude.

Don't let the politicians mislead you into believing that the jimcro laws are today the choice of the masses. They, for the most part, are foisted upon them by the big bosses, who see in this pattern a method for pitting race against race and group against group in order to keep alive their feudal system of rule by the propertied gentry.

As I said last year when Governor Ellis Arnall defeated Talmadge and we held a dramatic funeral in Harlem to bury his rotten political remains, "This people's victory marks the rise of a new South.

New Congressman A-Comin

When Powell goes to Congress
We'll have a voice—at last!
Not timid or irrelevant,
Like voices in the past,
But one clear and out-spoken
And not afraid to speak.
A champion of all people,
Defender of the weak.

EIR COMRADES PAID SUPREME SACRIFICE—Men of an i-aircraft artillery group in France listen to the names of their d buddies as they are called off at a memorial service in an ny cemetery in Normandy—(US Army Signal Corps foto).

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ASHINGTON—Farm Security inistration loans to Negro ers have enabled them to bring stack" with a 1943 food pro n output far in excess of and 1942 levels according to FSA

r 40 300 Negro farmers were by FSA loans in 1943, nine- of them located in the . They constitute 13% of SA borrowers.

eir remarkable increases in production are said to result better farm management, in- d livestock, increased food ction, farm enlargement e acreage, more working capi- [illegible]

7,000 Veterans Aided At Federal Expense

More than 7,000 Negro veterans of the present war were receiving hospitalization or domiciliary care at the expense of the Government on June 30, Brig Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, announced this week.

Of this number, 6,525 were in Government, state and civil hospitals and 814 were receiving domiciliary care at Soldiers' Homes. The hospital cases were distributed as follows:

Veterans Administration Hospitals	6,190
Civil and State Hospitals	130
Other Government Hospitals	204

7,000 Vets in Hospitals

uthern Labo. dorses Roosevelt

JACKSON, Miss. (FP)—Pres. Roosevelt was indorsed for a fourth term by the Mississippi Federation of Labor at its 26th annual convention here, which also pledged its efforts to "the cause of America until complete and final victory is won" in the war.

The Washington State Federation of Labor also approved a resolution for a fourth term for Pres. Roosevelt at its convention here and instructed its executive board to take it up immediately with the AFL national office for indorsement of FDR.

New FEPC Pamphlet Explains Whole Setup

WASHINGTON (FP) — Union leaders, shop and department stewards throughout the country will be interested in a new Federal pamphlet "FEPC—How It Operates," which was released July 27.

Issued by FEPC, 361 Constitution av. Washington, the booklet is available free on request. It consists of 20 pages and traces the beginning and growth of the fair employment agency, its duties and jurisdiction and explains procedures for cases requiring investigation. Included in it are the text of Executive Order 9346 and a directory of FEPC offices, national and regional, with telephone numbers and mailing addresses of principal officers.

New Maritime Contracts Outlaw Racial Hatreds

New contracts negotiated with the 23 major shipping companies by the National Maritime Union insure that there shall be no racial discrimination aboard ships traveling the high seas, the NMU announced this week.

The contract has a clause which outlaws discrimination because of race, color, creed or national origin. NMU hailed the new contracts as highly important in the union's fight for fairness for all union members.

NEW POSITION goes to Hubert T. Delany, who was sworn in Monday by Mayor LaGuardia as Justice of Domestic Relations Court. Delany lives at 467 W 144 st, and was sworn in with another new justice. Both are replacing justices now serving in the armed forces. Justice Delany was former Tax Commissioner and has been a temporary Justice in the court since August of 1942.

Millions for Recreation

The Federal Government has expended more than $2,000,000 through the Office of Community War Services in assisting 166 community-planned recreation programs for Negroes since 1941, James W. Gen[illegible], recreation specialist of the OCWS, told the State Recreation Conference and Workshop for Negroes at Tougaloo College, Jackson, Miss., on August 7-9, 1944.

New Red Cross Asked To End Jimcro

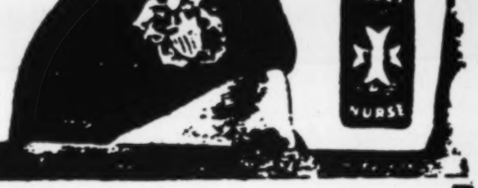
In a congratulatory message to Basil O'Connor newly appointed president of the American Red Cross, Walter White, NAACP secretary, urged immediate reversal of the current segregation policy between Negro and white blood plasma.

Asserting it has done more than any other act to depress the morale of American Negroes and of many white Americans, Mr. White pointed out that "Our axis enemies have used this policy of segregation to convince colored peoples of the world that our country is not sincere when it says that it is fighting against the racial theories of Adolph Hitler while at the same time it practices a similar master race theory."

Teachers Deny Youth Crime

More school teachers, more school clerks, child guidance units, a planned and well-financed school program—these are the answers to juvenile delinquency, said the Teachers Union this week, denying that juvenile "crime waves" are due to criminal traits. The Teachers Union called it long range economy to expend larger sums on the education of children.

PRIMARIES ARE OVER!
NOW LET'S REGISTER!
NOVEMBER WE VOTE!



Trade Unions Issue Call For Powell Campaign

Thirty CIO and AFL Negro trade union leaders, meeting at the invitation of Ferdinand C. Smith, Chairman of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, and National Secretary of the National Maritime Union, last Friday issued an appeal to Negro trade unionist throughout New York City to report to labor's campaign headquarters for Adam Clayton Powell, jr, at 2065 Seventh av, near 123rd st, during the remaining days before the primaries to insure the victory of Powell

Mr. Smith stated "Our main job is to canvass every registered Republican, Democratic, and ALP voter, for labor has a stake in the election of Powell to Congress, where progressive and fighting leadership is so necessary to back up President Roosevelt, not only to win the war quickly but to insure a peace that will bring abundance and democracy to all."

These labor leaders agreed upon the following five-point program:

- to mobilize 500 trade union members to canvass voters for Powell;
- to make 2065 Seventh av, labor's main campaign headquarters;
- to organize a flying squad of 50 Negro trade union leaders and officials on Tuesday, July 25, to canvass voters;
- to organize five mass outdoor rallies for Powell and Marcantonio;
- to get unions to release officials for full time work until Primary Day. Some of those who will be working full time are Charles A Collins, Exec.-Sec. of the Negro Labor Victory Committee; Local 6, Hotel and Club Employees Union, AFL; Morris Doswell, Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union; Dorothy K. Funn, Teachers Union; National Negro Congress, and M. Moran Weston, Field Secretary of Negro Labor Victory Committee,

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Bias Mars Navy School

With the very life of our nation and that of all the democracies engaged in the present sanguinary struggle for survival dependent on the "on time" delivery of guns, planes, tanks, and supplies, the New York State Maritime Academy apparently is practicing a policy of discrimination, which denies our merchant marine the fullest use of available manpower needed to officer our ships.

Our attention has been called to the case of William Greaves, an upstanding youth who is a math major at City College and who posted an average of ninety or better in his regents exams.

Greaves, who lives at 810 Dawson st., the Bronx, has long had a yen to be a marine engineer and when he learned about the officer training at the Maritime Academy immediately made application for admittance. Graduates from the Maritime Academy have their choice on graduation of accepting either a license as a Third Officer in the Merchant Marine deck or engine department or a commission as Ensign (Naval Reserve) in the U.S. Navy. Greaves' application was accepted and he was

[illegible] then sent the formal application which went to other references.

July 24 he was interviewed for his mental exam at the Naval Officer school and passed. He subsequently went to Fort Schuyler for his final exams. At both places he was the lone Negro candidate and was seemingly the cynosure of all eyes. He was given a written test and went to lunch. On returning his name was read out as among those entitled to go before the examining board having passed the written exam. Here he met his first irregularity. He was told he'd failed the exam when passing was a pre-requisite for appearing before the board. . . .

Feeling that he was victim of a discriminatory policy he appealed to the National Maritime Union and the NAACP to review his case, as well as writing to the Secretary of the Navy Forrestal.

Both organizations have been advised that Greaves did pass the entrance exams, but had been turned down because he had passed both the Army Air Corps and Army Student training program and failed to enter either service. Therefore he lacked "[illegible] of purpose."

Meanwhile our Merchant Marine has a most urgent need for officers in the wartime emergency.

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Adam Powell Addresses Chicago Elks Meeting

CHICAGO—The day of "the so-called Big Negroes and Big Shots is past," Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, jr, said Sunday in an address before 3,000 Elks in their 45th annual convention here at Pilgrim Baptist Church. One can no longer count the large mass of Negroes who have learned to think for themselves, he asserted.

Speaking of Christianity, the speaker, who is pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, declared that Negroes must return faithfully to the church and to Christian worship, but added that heretofore "so-called Christian churches and Christian people have done more to hurt Jesus than to help Him."

The minister thanked J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, for his part in working for his nomination to Congress in the New York primaries. He said that Mr. Wilson had sent out 20,000 letters to Republican voters in the city urging them to vote for him.

Judge William C. Hueston of Washington, Elks commissioner of education, presided at the overflow meeting.

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Race Riots After War Forecast

A period of race riots bloodier and more bitter than any yet experienced in the United States, will begin in this country at the conclusion of peace in Europe and Asia, predicts Leo Cherne, Secretary of the Research Institute of America, in the August issue of the *Negro Digest*.

Cherne, who has the reputation of being one of the nation's outstanding social analysts, believes that the conflict will arise from competition for jobs:

"A nation reluctant to harness the Negro's energy at the workbench even in its manpower crisis will certainly press for a surrender of his new status when his presence become competitive," he queries. "If we resented the Negro when we needed him, how will we feel when we don't need him?"

"Local propaganda will be unmotivated, exploited, and fed by an ambitious group here and there, by the deliberate agitator, or by a corrupt municipal machine. . . . National organization will provide the literature, direct the drives for membership, systematically feed the furnace of antagonism."

Furthermore, Cherne forecasts women and children as well as men will join the bloody fray.

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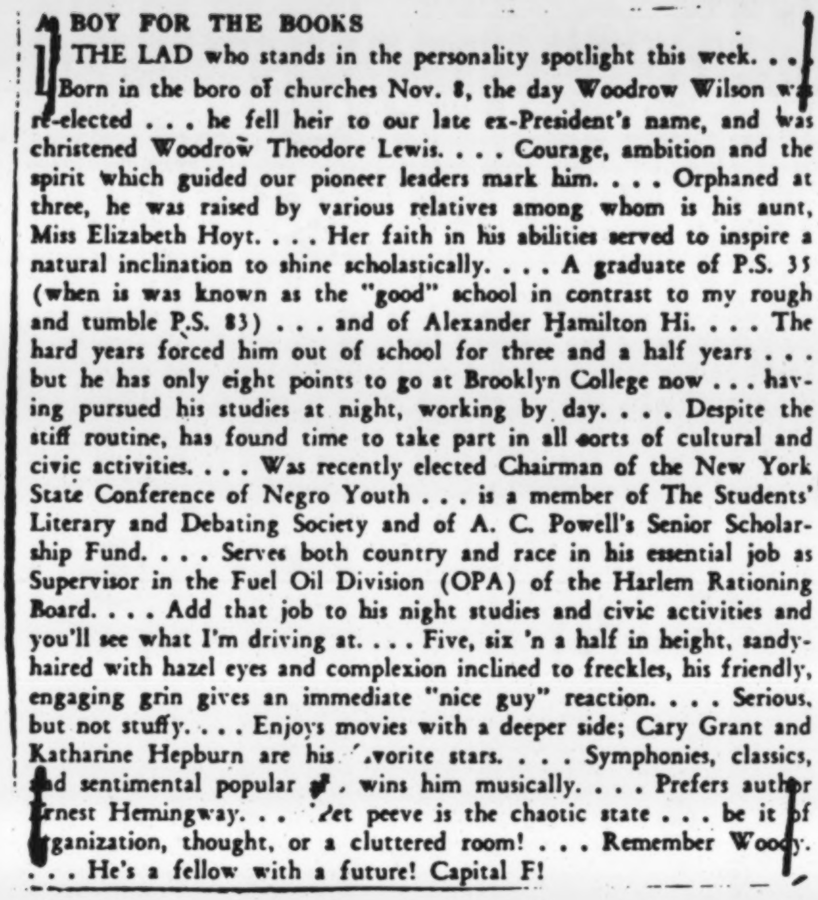

A BOY FOR THE BOOKS

IS THE LAD who stands in the personality spotlight this week. . . Born in the boro of churches Nov. 8, the day Woodrow Wilson was re-elected . . . he fell heir to our late ex-President's name, and was christened Woodrow Theodore Lewis. . . . Courage, ambition and the spirit which guided our pioneer leaders mark him. . . . Orphaned at three, he was raised by various relatives among whom is his aunt, Miss Elizabeth Hoyt. . . . Her faith in his abilities served to inspire a natural inclination to shine scholastically. . . . A graduate of P.S. 35 (when is was known as the "good" school in contrast to my rough and tumble P.S. 83) . . . and of Alexander Hamilton Hi. . . . The hard years forced him out of school for three and a half years . . . but he has only eight points to go at Brooklyn College now . . . having pursued his studies at night, working by day. . . . Despite the stiff routine, has found time to take part in all sorts of cultural and civic activities. . . . Was recently elected Chairman of the New York State Conference of Negro Youth . . . is a member of The Students' Literary and Debating Society and of A. C. Powell's Senior Scholarship Fund. . . . Serves both country and race in his essential job as Supervisor in the Fuel Oil Division (OPA) of the Harlem Rationing Board. . . . Add that job to his night studies and civic activities and you'll see what I'm driving at. . . . Five, six 'n a half in height, sandy-haired with hazel eyes and complexion inclined to freckles, his friendly, engaging grin gives an immediate "nice guy" reaction. . . . Serious, but not stuffy. . . . Enjoys movies with a deeper side; Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn are his favorite stars. . . . Symphonies, classics, and sentimental popular [illegible], wins him musically. . . . Prefers author Ernest Hemingway. . . Pet peeve is the chaotic state . . . be it of organization, thought, or a cluttered room! . . . Remember Woody. . . . He's a fellow with a future! Capital F!

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Hate Leaflet Assails Men In Naples

Attempts of enemy propagandists to spread their poison in the ranks of the American army in Naples were blamed by War Department officials last week, for the distribution of a scurrilous pamphlet against Negroes among civilians in Italy.

A copy of the pamphlet, signed, "T. A. Jacono, president, Italian American Committee for the Preservation of the Italian Race," fell into the hands of Negro soldiers of the 3rd Battalion who asked PV's Editor, Adam Powell, to call the matter to the attention of Army officials. The pamphlet stated, in part:

"We, Italo-Americans must with deep regret take notice that a group of women of Naples, dragging themselves in the gutter, dare to go out on the streets with Negroes, and even dare invite them to their homes. . . . We alone who belong to the same race can point out how degrading is your conduct. Do you know that the Negro in America is obligated to live only among his kind; that he is an inferior man. . . . You cannot understand how much you humiliate us. . . ."

According to the War Dept. those responsible for issuing the leaflet are being investigated by the commanding general in the North Africa theatre of operations. Steps are also being taken, War Dept. officials assured PV, to keep at a minimum propaganda of this sort which frequently originates from enemy sources.

At the same time that this incident was reported, a conflict between Negro servicemen and Italian prisoners stationed in the Seattle, Wash., area appeared to have resulted from attempts of some officials to apply the "master race theory" on a local scale by jimcrowing Negro soldiers from places which, as white men, Italian prisoners were allowed to frequent.

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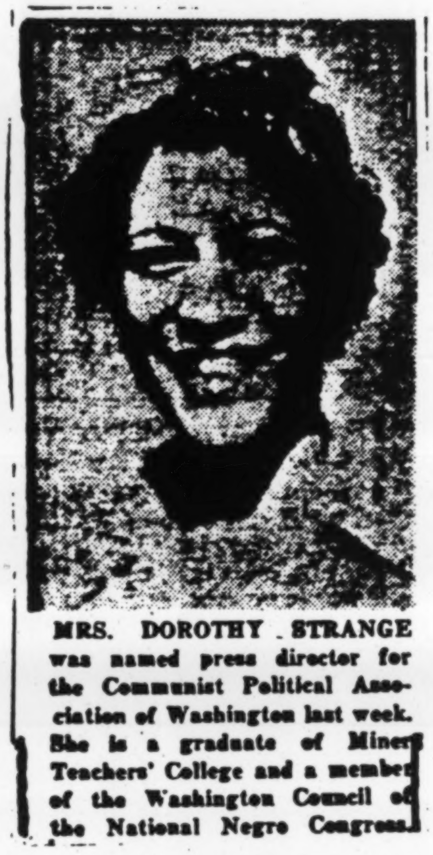

MRS. DOROTHY STRANGE was named press director for the Communist Political Association of Washington last week. She is a graduate of Miner Teachers' College and a member of the Washington Council of the National Negro Congress.

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THEY, TOO, FIGHT

Editor: Today I am one of the countless thousands of white men and women who by their daily words and deeds fight racial discrimination. We are the little people who associate with our colored brothers, who say the kind word and do the small deed that makes live liveable. And still, among many colored people we are often viewed with the various degrees of distrust and suspicion. And among white people, we are accused of being communists, race agitators, traitors and worse. Ours is no bed of roses. Our heads are bloody, but unbowed. We will see the fascists and hypocritical liberals in hell, but we won't give up the fight for racial equality.—LEO KYNE.

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A. BALFOUR LINTON, editor of African magazine, delivered a tribute to the late Marcus Garvey, Sunday, at the Garvey Club, 169 W 133 st, when a birthday celebration in honor of the former founder of the Garvey movement was held. Mr. Linton said, "We endorse a fort on the part of Africa peoples for liberation and se government."

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White Housewives Irked by Lack of Maids:

Dixie Jury Probes Allotment Checks

By FLORENCE MURRAY

Suggestive of why southern Senators supported the George reconversion bill with its lower unemployment pay scale, rather than the Kilgore bill, is a story coming out of Georgia this week.

The Putnam County grand jury in Eaton, Ga., appointed a special committee to investigate complaints of white housewives that they are no longer able to employ colored maids and cooks because the latter are receiving benefits from servicemen, many of whom are not entitled to such allotments.

Similar reports and complaints have been going the rounds in the other southern localities, although there has been no word of grand jury investigation. But in Putnam County, the grand jury has sent an appeal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation requesting an investigation into what it termed "flagrant abuses of the servicemen's allotment dependency law."

White women are irked because they are having difficulty in obtaining household help, especially cheap household help. And they seem to be trying to do what they can to force colored women into this service work by cutting down on their pocket books, as was done in WPA days.

WPA COMPLAINTS SIMILAR

As low as unemployment compensation pay was in the days of the FERA and the WPA, the same complaints emanated from white housewives. During these days when colored women were receiving weekly doles as low as $5 and $6, these same white housewives complained that the Negroes were getting so much money that they would not work.

In Washington, D. C., where the problem was especially acute, it was found by WPA authorities that the white women who complained that they could not obtain colored domestic help were willing to pay them only $3 and $4 a week and expected them to work from sun-up to sunset.

According to reports from Eaton, Ga., the special committee reported finding many cases where colored women were receiving allotments from as many sons as they had in the service, when they should have received allotment checks from only one son. It was reported also that some of the women had sufficient incomes as not to need checks from even one son.

There is nothing illegal about a mother's receiving allotment checks from more than one son in the army. officials of the Office of Dependency Benefits in Newark said. Such an allotment is called the E Allotment, and must be voluntary on the part of the serviceman. In other words, he must give his consent for a parent or other relative to receive an allotment from him, and such payments are taken wholly out of his pay. In rare instances, it was explained, persons not related to soldiers receive these E allotments.

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LABOR *looks* AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CI

SYDENHAM SHOWS THE WAY.

Of all the problems facing democracy in this country, none has more far-reaching implications for the future and none is viewed by thoughtful persons with greater concern than the situation of minority groups that are handicapped by racial discrimination.

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And of all the conditions that characterize this situation, none is more fundamental, none more widely affects the well-being of society as a whole and none more urgently demands immediate attention than that of health.

Hence, while many steps will be involved in the eventual solution of the over-all problem presented by inter-racial relations, one of the most important of these steps must certainly be toward the improvement of community health in those areas of greatest need. Recognizing this fact, Sydenham Hospital has taken a forward step of far-reaching significance in applied democracy and has established a new pattern in inter-racial cooperation.

On December 20, 1943, Sydenham Hospital by formal action of its board of trusteees, became the country's first completely inter-racial voluntary hospital. This means that its board of trustees has been reorganized to include both Negroes and whites. Its medical staff has been expanded to include qualified Negro physicians with the full privileges staff membership implies. Opportunities to serve on the nursing and technical staffs and in other capacities have been made available to Negroes. It also means that access to private and semi-private rooms, as well as to ward accommodations, has been made available to all persons, regardless of race.

It is in recognition of the epochal importance of the dedication to inter-racial cooperation of this $2,000,000 Grade A hospital—fully accredited by the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association and the New York State Department of Social Welfare—that Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, made the following statement in appealing for support for the Sydenham fund drive from the trade unions.

"I want to add my own personal plea that you consider carefully the importance of this project to the development of better racial understanding and cooperation. Its significance may be judged by the fact that the Office of War Information felt that the story was sufficiently important for them to send overseas for dissemination among the liberated peoples and our own armed forces."

Whether this experiment succeeds or not will depend largely upon the degree of community support received. For the plan to succeed, it is absolutely essential that the highest standards of service be maintained. The operation of this plan, with its consequent increase in the number of Negro patients, necessarily involves caring for a higher proportion of patients who can pay nothing or only part of the costs of their care, as experience already indicates.

This experiment must not fail. It must succeed.

Contributions should be sent to the Sydenham Fund Drive Committee, 243 W 145 st or 537 Fifth av, New York City.

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Channing Tobias Okays Roosevelt and Truman

DR. TOBIAS

In a sensational statement this week, Dr. Channing Tobias, national YMCA secretary and an independent Republican, spurned Governor Dewey, endorsed President Roosevelt and Senator Harry Truman, praised the New Deal, expressed admiration for Mrs. Roosevelt, and accepted membership with the National Citizens Political Action Committee (which is 100% behind the FDR-Truman ticket). Dr. Tobias also called for a "progressive Congress." For the NCPAC Tobias said, "I am in hearty accord with the immediate and long term objectives of the committee."

The text of Dr. Tobias' statement follows:

Gives His Reasons . . . .

"I am glad to join with such great liberals as Senator George W. Norris, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Alfred Baker Lewis, Mary McLeod Bethune and Lillian Smith, in accepting membership on the National Citizens' Political Action Committee, for I am in hearty accord with the immediate and long-term objectives of the Committee.

"As you know, I am a socio-religious worker and not a politician [illegible] the fact that during the [illegible] I declined an official nomination [illegible] for the [illegible] of the City of New York, and [illegible] to run for Congress.

[illegible] campaign. In a [illegible] I feel that I should share some of these convictions with you. In doing this I want it understood that I speak for myself personally and not as a representative of any organization or fellowship with which I am connected.

"First of all, I want to express keen disappointment in the deliberations and results of the two major political Conventions. The repudiation of Wendell Willkie by the Republicans, and the refusal of the Democrats to accept Henry A. Wallace for the Vice Presidency reflected the reactionary character of the conventions.

"My first impulse after the conventions was to denounce both parties and either 'take a walk' on election day or vote for a candidate of a minor party. However, I have come finally to the conclusion that the issues at stake for America and the world in this campaign are too important for me to take such a course now. I have made up my mind, therefore, to support the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt for the following reasons:

● We are now at a critical stage of the most destructive war that the world has ever known. America has performed miracles of production and transportation as the "arsenal of Democracy," while at the same time training and sending [illegible] of fighting men to the battle fronts of the world. This war must be successfully concluded both in Europe and the Far East. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the Commander-in-Chief, and as such has done a marvelous job, both on America's participation in the war and in helping to plan and direct the whole allied strategy and impact upon the Axis nations. In my judgment it would not show good sense on the part of the American people to remove such a leader at a time like this.

● Especially would it be calamitous when the only alternative would be to turn over leadership to a man whose training and experience are not such as would enable him to cope successfully with the critical issues of carrying the war to final victory, and cooperating with the leaders of other allied nations in working out a just and lasting peace.

● A MAN WITH THE MIND AND EXPERIENCE OF A PROSECUTOR CANNOT RISE OVERNIGHT TO THE STATURE OF A STATESMAN.

● As a Negro, I shall support President Roosevelt in spite of the fact that his administration has fallen down on many issues involving the rights of colored people, because his philosophy of government, and the generally progressive program that he has followed the past twelve years, have invested the common man of every race, creed and color with a dignity, and inspired him with a hope, that he has never known before.

● Mr. Roosevelt has done this by making the largest possible use of the machinery of the Federal government in cooperation with state governments. Mr. Dewey proposes to undo all this by curtailing the functions of the Federal government. It would be interesting to see the Negro leader who would dare stand in the presence of his people and advocate the states rights doctrine of Thomas E. Dewey when he contemplates what it would mean to Negroes in the deep South, to leave such vital matters as housing, education, employment, social security, et cetera, to the exclusive tender mercies of those legislatures that are predominantly controlled by the enemies of the Negro race. How could Negroes possibly protect their interests and defend their rights when in most of those states they not only cannot be elected to the legislatures, but have little or no voice in electing those who [illegible]

● If anyone is in doubt on where Mr. Dewey and his party stand on this issue, let him analyze the vote on the Murray-Kilgore Reconversion Bill and the George Bill which was finally passed by the Senate. Twenty-eight Republicans voted for the George (States Rights) Bill and [illegible] was against it. Twenty-seven Democrats (mostly southerners) voted for the Bill and eighteen against it. The issue is as clear as daylight. The reactionary Republicans of the North have once again joined hands with the reactionary Democrats of the South against the interests of the common man.

● And bear in mind that the southern Democrats who are members of this coalition are the enemies of labor, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Negro, and their chief reason for opposing Roosevelt is because of his disposition to permit Negroes to have their rightful share of the good things of life that he would have all Americans enjoy.

● I am also grateful to Mr. Roosevelt because recently I have seen the Fair Employment Practice Committee get results in Philadelphia and Los Angeles. When the unwarranted and unauthorized strike incited by the remnants of a company union walked out all the car and bus lines of Philadelphia because eight Negroes had been upgraded for service as operators, Mr. Roosevelt ordered the Army to take over and called upon the Selective Service Administration and the Attorney General's Office to cooperate in straightening out the Philadelphia situation. I could not help but contrast this procedure with the handling of a State Fair Employment Practice Bill by the governor of New York when he had a chance to insist upon its passage by the legislature and refused to [illegible] for political reasons.

● I shall vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt because of the continued backing and added [illegible] that his re-election will give liberals of the South, like Claude Pepper, [illegible] Perry, Frank Graham, Lillian Smith, and [illegible]. The [illegible] in the South [illegible] South's [illegible] of social and economic maladjustment which must be attacked as a whole. Recent elections in the South indicate a trend away from the old demagogic leadership. Roosevelt's election would encourage the men and women back of this trend, whereas the election of Mr. Dewey would give comfort to the reactionary politicians who favor the [illegible] of absentee owners of southern industries.

● When I cast my ballot for Franklin D. Roosevelt I shall want it to carry with it all the esteem and affection that I feel for Eleanor Roosevelt, and I shall be conscious of the fact that ninety-nine per cent of my people hold her in like esteem and affection, [illegible] that of her unwillingness to recognize lines of caste and class in [illegible] doing good."

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l Joe Challenges Master Race Theory

By JOHN JORDON
(Norfolk Journal and Guide War Correspondent)

The startling ease of the Southern France invasion gives rise to two opinion trends: (1) that the Germans are about ready to fold, and (2) that the Japs may try Anzio strategy.

One sidelight involved a colored service unit, which, with ...ed carbines, leaped from a landing craft into knee-deep water, and scrambled up the beach with one of them shouting:

"Okay, Master Race! Here comes some guys from Missouri!"

He turned his back when no Nazi appeared about and then ...ed his unit and moved off his assignment.

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...the servicemen "keep out of ...way" of whites who might ...rt trouble. Finally, the individual conflicts flared into ... ... two soldiers reported that they ... been beaten by white soldiers ... Market Square, Bristol's main ...

...roughfare, the afternoon of ...y 13.

As word spread, several hundred servicemen of both races clashed in the square in a fracas which ended only after a number (some ... guns), were killed and many ... were injured. ...

The result of the ... was to ... ... Negro servicemen since they did not want to be the scene of racial skirmishes. Curfew for all servicemen was set 11 pm. Members of the 545th Port Company were scheduled for courtmartial because of a situation which, they feel, might have been averted had officials recognized the situation soon enough.

This column, initiated by PV to bring to readers the truth which the press and radio distort, this week quotes from the newsletter "In Fact," edited by George Seldes as a truthful publication devoted to exposing the venal press. "In Fact" is located at 85 Astor Place, NYC, and costs one dollar a year. Published weekly:

BIG MONEY PRESS LORDS VS. FDR

The present campaign of vilification and falsehood against the President is led by the four leading newspaper chains which publish some 10,000,000 of some 40,000,000 papers sold daily. Not only do they serve one-fourth the electorate but they are mostly big city papers which make public opinion and decide the elections.

Roy Howard, boss of the Scripps-Howard papers, is also boss of America's second largest news service, United Press, serving more than 1,000 dailies. President Roosevelt in a signed statement denounced Howard's news service as a liar—lying frequently and purposely.

The news fakery of Hearst, his corruption and his money interests, are now well known.

The McCormick-Patterson press served Hitler and the Axis in many ways. The *Chi Tribune* gave Hitler a cause for declaring war by publishing a secret war defense plan. The War Dept. did not have McCormick arrested for treason. The NY *Daily News* favored Japan as against China.

Gannett's fascist activities were exposed by Rep. Wright Patman in *In Fact*, July 17 and 24.

HOW A BIG PAPER CHANGED POLICY

The most powerful individual newspaper in the country is the NY *Times*. In 1932 it favored Roosevelt; it was a democratic paper. In 1936 it did likewise, and then it began to feel the force of newspaper corruption.

In 1937 Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, half-owner of the *Times*, told the present editor of *In Fact* how big business ganged up on the press in the 1936 campaign. Millions of dollars of advertising depended on whether the newspapers favored Roosevelt or whoever it was that ran on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Sulzberger boasted of the fact that the Sunoco ad placed by the Pew family of Pennsylvania, which is one of the biggest factors in the NAM and the GOP, was withdrawn from the *Times* because the *Times* would not in 1936 switch into the Republican column.

In 1940 the *Times* went Republican.

The reader can guess the reason:

8 OF 10 N.Y. PAPERS FOR DEWEY

Here then is the line-up for Roosevelt and Dewey in the American metropolis, which is today also the center of one of the states which will determine who will be President:

For Dewey	
NY Daily News, Sunday	3,893,305
NY Daily News	2,000,999
Mirror (Hearst)	770,340
Journal Am. (Hearst)	64[illegible]
Times	41[illegible]447
World-Telegram	3[illegible]457
Herald Tribune	[illegible]
Sun	[illegible]
Wall St. Journal	40,926
Daily for Dewey	4,835,530
For Roosevelt	
Post	182,29[illegible]
PM	144,872
Daily for FDR	327,165

(Note: All figures from 1944 edition of *Editor & Publisher* year book).

"The metropolitan press is 80% for Dewey, with a circulation, however, of 86% of all newspaper readers. The press in most big cities is 80% for Dewey. In many cities all the papers are for Dewey. The majority of US papers manipulate the news for Dewey and against FDR. They have done it in all previous campaigns.

REPUBLICANS SAY ROOSEVELT WILL WIN

Lest Republican and Democratic readers get the wrong impression from the foregoing facts, the following must be added:

The newspaper men who covered the Republican and Democratic Conventions — Republicans and Democrats and Independents — agree by an overwhelming majority that Roosevelt will be elected, that Dewey hasn't got a chance.

It is true that a great number of these high-priced political experts are also high-priced journalistic prostitutes, and that they will write just the opposite; they will spread propaganda for Dewey and do just what they are paid for. But among themselves they agree Roosevelt will win.

This was reported by an honest journalist, Marquis W. Childs, in his July 25 column said hundreds of reporters who know the situation in every state, who "register with a high degree of accuracy the barometric highs and lows of the political weather back home" are of the opinion "that Dewey has very little chance."

"The press has been overwhelmingly against Roosevelt in every campaign. He has won despite it. He has proven again that the public distrusts the press and that the press is losing its power."

CIO Head Fights Rent Increase

Fighting the organized landlords' attempt to add $[illegible] to New York tenants' rent bill, Councilman Michael J. Quill introduced a resolution in the city council opposing their request for an increase of 10 per cent or more in rentals.

"This barefaced attempt to mulct the people of New York City out of $[illegible] is a deliberate inflationary demand," said Quill, who is president of the Transport Workers Union (CIO).

"Thousands of families would be forced to look for cheaper housing, especially the families of servicemen whose allotments cannot stand 10 per cent increases. With occupancy levels at unprecedented heights, vacant, habitable apartments are practically impossible to find."

One God---One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

[illegible] the first installment of our discussion of Christ and politics [illegible]

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A [illegible] of the [illegible] people [illegible] up and [illegible] on their shoulders. The [illegible] a great number of [illegible] at the same time, yet in [illegible] which the [illegible] of [illegible] existence of so many varied churches as the people desire. The people of these different churches are Americans as are those who have no church membership whatsoever. The security, the welfare and guarantee of tomorrow for these people in the churches [illegible] America [illegible] their [illegible]. In order [illegible] [illegible] bodies [illegible] our [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] for the people [illegible]. [illegible] feels urged at the most [illegible] [illegible] to serve in this further step, he should do so and by due process of political order attain an office of responsibility as an individual and speak for the [illegible] of his [illegible].

RICHARDSON

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There is a great danger, however, in [illegible] becoming statesmen. The danger is obvious. Whenever the church rules the state, history past and present shows the people have suffered untold miseries. This is true when and where the Catholics rule or ruled and it has been true when the Protestant church as such has been in a position to determine the political destinies of people. All efforts to impose religious beliefs on a state of people have proved diabolical. This was the case for Catholic France and Italy and Protestant Germany and England. The Church should never be allowed the ascendancy in a state because the Church is too often founded on illogical, sentimental, irrational and often thoughtless bases.

Doctrine and Dogma [illegible]

The most [illegible] of the Church, Protestant and Catholic, [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible] who don't want a church or who don't want to [illegible] belief in God. They have [illegible] right to [illegible] as and [illegible] useful [illegible] with [illegible] of church life. There is a [illegible] for the Communist approach which calls for a [illegible] should the Church become paramount in matters of state, wholesale [illegible] who differ [illegible] will follow.

Churches and Fascism

Fascism is [illegible] likely to be found in the Church [illegible] of it. The simplest definition of Fascism suggests rule by a small bundle or "fasces." The [illegible] of the [illegible] Catholic Church is a small bundle. The [illegible] Presbyterian Church [illegible] of the Methodist Church, white and Negro, is a bundle. The ruling conferences of Baptists, white and colored, are bundles. In other such groups of [illegible] with Protestantism or Catholicism are "fasces" and their [illegible] of their power is ecclesiastical fascism. When these ruling bodies extend their sphere of operations to national proportions [illegible] with such political [illegible] as are trying to [illegible] over the people as they [illegible]

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America or any other [illegible] to the people.

Christ and the Nation

What has been said up to this point suggests the position of the churches and the nation. As a Christian my emphasis would naturally fall on the Christian people. [illegible] relative to the choice and interpretation of God. I believe Christ would [illegible]

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SOAPBOX — by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL.

WE ARE GLAD to support the forthcoming celebration of the emancipation of the West Indies. We join heartily with the West Indies National Council and Abyssinian Church in observance of this event on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. There should never have been any need for any people anywhere to be emancipated, since God created all men equal. But from the moment man began the vile business of enslaving his brother, freedom for the slave became the first great imperative of the world.

I see the striking of the shackles of chattel slavery from the limbs and minds of thousands in the British West Indies on August 1, 1834, as a luminous milepost in the progress of human liberty; for the emancipation of the West Indian Negroes, just as the liberation of the slaves in Haiti, through their own revolutionary struggles, opened the way directly for the freedom of black folks in the United States.

But freedom from chattel slavery was only one step forward in the fight for human liberty. The forces of reaction then as now, neither slept nor rested. New forms of slavery were introduced: masters' and servants' acts in the West Indies, peonage in the United States; disfranchisement by property qualifications in the West Indies, the poll tax in the South; imperialist oppression and exploitation in the Caribbean, and its counterpart here at home.

I hail the work of the West Indies National Council for its efforts toward self-government and self-determination for the peoples of the Caribbean. Its ultimate aims are complete freedom for the West Indies, which carries with it unconditional emancipation from British and European imperialism. To obtain this result, the Council hopes to initiate a world conference on the colonial question, to send spokesmen of the West Indian people to talk with Stalin, Churchill, and other European leaders, and to establish a world organization of colonial peoples.

The Council, organized in July, 1940, has done much to focus the attention of the world powers on the exploitation and subjugation of the West Indians. I cannot fail to see the importance of this struggle to the complete freedom of all the Negro peoples everywhere. Greater unity is the need of the hour between American Negroes and the West Indians, and among all the darker peoples of the globe who are battling for independence and the right to share equally in the world's wealth and culture.

In the present war, three million West Indians are making an inestimable contribution to the victory of the United Nations. Standing in the front line defenses of the United States, they were the first people in the New World to be attacked by shells of enemy submarines. Thousands of West Indian workers are laboring in the fields of this country growing and harvesting foods to feed the peoples of the world, and regiments of their stalwart men are now in training on our shores for combat duty on the fighting fronts.

We heartily hail the West Indians for their contributions to world culture, for their courage and for their fight for freedom.

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SOAPBOX

by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

WE ARE GLAD to support the forthcoming celebration of the emancipation of the West Indies. We join heartily with the West Indies National Council and Abyssinian Church in observance of this event on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. There should never have been any need for any people anywhere to be emancipated, since God created all men equal. But from the moment man began the vile business of enslaving his brother, freedom for the slave became the first great imperative of the world.

I see the striking of the shackles of chattel slavery from the limbs and minds of thousands in the British West Indies on August 1, 1834, as a luminous milepost in the progress of human liberty, for the emancipation of the West Indian Negroes, just as the liberation of the slaves in Haiti, through their own revolutionary struggles, opened the way directly for the freedom of black folks in the United States.

But freedom from chattel slavery was only one step forward in the fight for human liberty. The forces of reaction, then as now, neither slept nor rested. New forms of slavery were introduced: masters' and servants' acts in the West Indies, peonage in the United States, disfranchisement by property qualifications in the West Indies, the poll tax in the South, imperialist oppression and exploitation in the Caribbean and its counterpart here at home.

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for the peoples of the Caribbean. Its ultimate aims are complete freedom for the West Indies, which carries with it unconditional emancipation from British and European imperialism. To obtain this result, the Council hopes to initiate a world conference on the colonial question, to send spokesmen of the West Indian people to talk with Stalin, Churchill, and other European leaders, and to establish a world organization of colonial peoples.

The Council, organized in July, 1940, has done much to focus the attention of the world powers on the exploitation and subjugation of the West Indians. I cannot fail to see the importance of this struggle to the complete freedom of all the Negro peoples everywhere. Greater unity is the need of the hour between American Negroes and the West Indians, and among all the darker peoples of the globe who are battling for independence and the right to share equally in the world's wealth and culture.

In the present war three million West Indians are making an inestimable contribution to the victory of the United Nations. Standing in the front line defenses of the United States, they were the first people in the New World to be attacked by shells of enemy submarines. Thousands of West Indian workers are laboring in the fields of this country growing and harvesting foods to feed the peoples of the world, and regiments of their stalwart men are now in training on our shores for combat duty on the fighting fronts.

We heartily hail the West Indians for their contributions to world culture, for their courage and for their fight for freedom.

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Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WEST INDIAN NEGRO ACTIVITIES
New York City

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The attached is submitted as of possible interest to you with respect to the captioned matter. As you will note, it is a photostatic copy of an editorial appearing in the Negro newspaper "The People's Voice" August 26, 1944. Its writer, Adam Clayton Powell, Negro, is presently candidate for United States Congress from New York City.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: OCTOBER 4, 1944

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: THE PEOPLE'S VOICE, NEGRO NEWSPAPER
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Enclosed herewith are clippings from the September 2 and September 9, 1944 editions of "The People's Voice". These clippings are concerning matters of racial Communist activity in which the Bureau is interested. Similar copies are being retained in the New York file of instant case.

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One God--One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

I DROPPED IN ON TWO CHURCH services in Harlem last Sunday night. I had spent the morning with my little daughter in Central Park. The quiet eloquence of windswept trees—the magnificent antiphonal singing of sparrows—birds of the common man, and my child's inquisitive gibberish which her mother alone understands, was church enough for me. God was in the air, actually nearer in the warm hours before noon than I have known him to be in many a day. But Sunday night I decided to worship as men worship. What I saw and heard in the two services I attended proved to be a grand argument for my spending all of my future Sundays in the park.

RICHARDSON

SHORT ON LOGIC, LONG ON NOISE

The first church visited was located on one of Harlem's side streets. I was attracted to it by the shattering blasts of its minister. Although I was across the street, his booming voice assaulted me and many a hapless passerby. My first reaction was: This ought to be good, so I tiptoed across the street, entered the building, and was quietly ushered down the aisle. The usher strode down to the front with great pomp, bowed and with a wide sweep of his arm, indicated a place for me to sit. His consternation was considerable when he turned towards his visiting worshipper only to find I had slipped unnoticed into a seat two or three rows from the rear. He frowned his genuine disapproval and tiptoed crestfallen, to his post at the door.

The sermon was well in progress. It had been so for the last thirty-five minutes, I am certain. The general theme was, "Why Concern Yourself with the 'Here Is' and Run the Risk of Losing the 'Hereafter?'". All that the good young brother missed in common sense and logic he made up for in noise.

A dear sister in a front pew cheered him all along the way. She ay-mened his words—his pauses; when he cleared his throat or wiped his brow. By actual word count she was only a few behind him.

AUDIENCE SLIGHTLY MOVED

The few people who attended were "churchgoers," that is people who go to church because they always have gone and people who confess it does them "so much good to go." Some of the choir slept soundly, others chewed gum vigorously while others just sat and stared wide eyed but mentally asleep.

After (note after, not before) the collection I left.

I next went to another famous worship center on one of the main thoroughfares of our community. As I approached the building I could hear a deafening din of ahs! ohs! wooee's! so good! so good! wheee! etc. I knew what to expect. This was the interim reaction after a heated song session. Testimonials had preceded the song. I went in, took a seat and awaited the *next act*. During my thirty minutes' stay *five collections* were raised.

Ladies, too old for such extreme exertion, gyrated dervishlike, jumped three feet from the ground, contorted their faces and bodies and fell limp and moaning to the ground. Instruments frequently used in dance orchestras served the same purpose here. Ingenious improvisations on old hymns and traditional church melodies offered rhythm fit to compete with the best jump music current bands play on Broadway. The sermon was a long time coming and I am sure just as long leaving. Because I valued my time frugally I left before the tirade began. I knew what it would be like.

It's been the same for 75 years and these people, victims of such emotional hypnotism are the pitiful vestiges of the religious prostitution of good sense and true worship. I walked out into the street thoroughly sobered by what I had seen in both places. I was further chagrined to think that in nearly every pulpit in the community of 300,000 people, similar [illegible] takes every Sunday.

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Noted Opera Star Fights Biased Eviction Order

Mme. Greta Stueckgold, internationally known Metropolitan Opera star, has received many commendations from friends and strangers, as well as the enthusiastic support

MME. GRETA STUECKGOLD

of all her pupils, white and Negro, in her fight against the real estate firm of Wood, Dolson Co. Inc which has refused to renew her lease on her apartment at 260 West 82nd st. because her Negro students come there. Not one unfavorable comment has reached her since the story first broke in the daily press that Mme. Stueckgold had appealed to the OPA for protection [illegible] Charles W. MacFarlan, vice-president of the Wood, Dolson Co., insisted that she not only must her singing lessons be immediately discontinued but she was demanded to vacate the apartment at [illegible] time.

INTERNATIONAL [illegible]

The singer's suspicions were aroused at once, since she had already been informed by neighbors in the house that they had been asked whether they objected to Negroes using the passenger elevator, and she knew that elevator men had been asked to keep check on the number of her Negro pupils.

"I am an international artist and am proud to give my knowledge to anyone regardless of race, color, or creed," said Mme. Stueckgold. "I can't understand race prejudice. I can understand one may not like a party, like the Hitler Party, but there is no difference among human beings except that one once lived nearer the sun than another."

In a letter to the realty company, protesting their obvious racial bias, Mme. Stueckgold wrote:

GOES TO OPA

"Your complaints, I am well informed, concern some of my American dark-skinned pupils. . . . These people as well as anyone else have shed their blood, paid taxes, and are now fighting for America. And I cannot see why they can't be treated as American citizens with equal rights, respects, and privileges. We are fighting a war to end racial hatreds and I fear that you are breeding prejudice in your office."

When after 14 days, there was no reply from the real estate company on renewing her lease, and Mme. Stueckgold took the matter to OPA, the latter agency ruled that she might stay in the apartment and that her pupils might visit her on a social basis and stay if they wished. Meanwhile she had engaged another studio for her lessons.

Mme. Stueckgold has occupied her penthouse apartment for four years, and Negro students began coming to her about 18 months ago. She related that one of them when first calling inquired whether she took colored pupils. At first, she did not understand why the question was asked until she discovered that there was discrimination even among artists.

"It made my blood boil," she said. "Why, Beethoven's grandmother was a Negro."

Mme. Stueckgold [illegible] England and has lived in this country since 1927. She spent [illegible] years with the Metropolitan Opera company and has appeared on the concert stage all over the world.

SOAPBOX -- by Adam Clayton Powell Jr

POWELL

LAST November PV reprinted a full-page article from the Waterville Times, Waterville, N.Y., called "Spend, Sucker, Spend." The author of the piece warned, advised and begged the people to cease their lavish spending and put aside their money as a cushion to protect themselves during the reconversion period to peace-time economy and to thwart the post-war slump, which usually follows a great war.

It is not too late to take heed and give serious consideration to this matter today. We Negroes, of all people, remember what happened to us during the 30's, when we were fired first and stood in breadlines out of all proportion to our ratio in the population. We, of all people, should realize that we will need those dollars we are throwing around now.

It is indeed sickening to see our people, many of whom are earning more money now than they ever did in their lives, filling the bars and night clubs, buying fur coats, jewelry, taking in all the fights, the races and the games. Our hotels are overflowing with pleasure-seekers. The trains are filled with our travelers. We are ordering two-dollar steak dinners, with all the trimmings, scotch and sodas at 60 cents a throw, buying $6.50 nylon hose.

On week-ends, the hotels of our city are so filled with doctors and dentists that one frequently thinks a medical convention is being held. And upon inquiring, one finds they are here from all over the country to attend a prize fight or a ball game, spending from $200 to $300 for one week-end's pleasure.

What benefit will these one-night pleasures be to us when we are faced with the need for bread and meat and milk, when there will be meat a-plenty, but no money with which to buy it? How about that college training for our boy, our girl, ourselves, or for our [illegible]—for that matter?

The money we save now will be a cushion of buying power when the war is over and the country needs to start things up again, and we need something to tide us over during these readjustment days. The dollars we waste now will be the dollars we will need then. But the dollars we save now in War Bonds and in savings accounts will not only guarantee our future, but at this time will enable us to shorten the war and save thousands of lives that may be lost during those last few days.

They may save the life of that boy who belongs to you, that one who has survived thus far and whom you expect to come back home.

Furthermore, the bigger stock of savings we create now, the more things we can buy when the war is over—that new car, that refrigerator, that modern radio, that television set, all the things that make American [illegible] the most comfortable in the world.

Come now, let's use some sense.

POLITICAL ACTION
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IN RESPONSE to PAC Chairman Sidney Hillman's statement before the House Campaign Expenditures Committee that PAC is "pretty low on funds," National Maritime Union members, speed their voluntary $1 contributions. Here Jim Malley, NMU political action director for New York, receives $1 donations from merchant seamen eager to back the PAC drive for election of Roosevelt, Truman and a progressive Congress.

No Waves for Stations Housing Negro Sailors

No WAVES will be assigned to Naval Stations housing

Port Chicago Claims Blocked

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Rep. Rankin of Mississippi successfully blocked an attempt last Wednesday to permit the Navy to settle claims up to $3,000 growing out of the Port Chicago, Cal., disaster on July 17 which cost the lives of more than 300 Negro seamen and did considerable property damage.

Chairman Dan R. McGehee, also of Mississippi, of the House Committee on claims, presented legislation favored by the Navy Department and unanimously approved at a meeting of his committee earlier in the week. He sought unanimous consent from the house for immediate consideration.

Rankin based his objections on technical grounds claiming that to endorse the measure would set a precedent of delegating congressional authority. "The gentleman (McGehee) says this is an extraordinary situation," Rankin said, "All such situations are extraordinary. Whenever cases such as these come up they are going to have extraordinary angles," he facetiously added.

Nurse Testifies At FEPC Hearing

Because the National Associa-

Templars Elect Officers

HARRISBURG — The United Grand Commandery of Knights Templars elected the following officers at their convention here last week: J. Ross Johnson, grand commander; Thomas Gibbs, grand deputy commander; Daniel M. Potter, grand generallissimo; Charles Alston, grand captain general; James H. Wallace, grand senior warden; Sir Harry E. Morrison, grand junior warden; A. P. T. Stevenson, grand prelate; William Cannon, grand treasurer; and Harold Gray, grand recorder.

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'Anna's' Cast Scores

"Anna Lucasta," a tragi-comedy by Philip Yordan, which opened at the Mansfield theatre on Wednesday evening, gives all indications of being the first hit of the new season. The play was first produced in Harlem by the

WITH THE DAILY PRESS UNANIMOUSLY ACCLAIMING "Anna Lucasta's" cast for its brilliant acting, this group has a cause to celebrate as it is doing here in Canada Lee's pent house apartment, after its Broadway debut. Front row, Canada Lee (Danny), Hilda Simms (Anna) and Abe Hill, who was responsible for the show's Harlem production and Director of ANT. Back row (l to r) are: Langston Hughes, author and poet, Owen Dodson who gave Miss Simms her first direction at Hampton Institute, Fred O'Neal (Frank) Mr. Simms, (Hilda's papa who flew here from Minneapolis for her debut) Harry Wagstaff Gribble and John Wildberg, director and producer of what looks like the first hit of the season.

American Negro Theatre Group. John Wildberg and Harry Wagstaff Gribble are responsible for the Broadway production. It is the story of a good, bad girl from a Pennsylvania mill town whose mercenary family attempts to marry her off to a well-to-do southern boy, for their own profit. The boy turns out to be an intelligent, upright lad who falls in love with Anna and eventually effects her rescue from a "life of sin."

Mr. Yordan has not written a great play, but it is excellent theatre, which is what most theatre-goers are looking for. [illegible] formed. The [illegible] for laughs [illegible] harrassing. But as acted by beautiful Hilda Simms, in the title role, Alice Childress, as a Brooklyn [illegible], Frederick O'Neal as a dumb [illegible], Rosetta LeNoire, [illegible] Canada Lee [illegible] is vivid and unusual entertainment.

One of the outstanding virtues of the play is that the characters are people, not Negro types. The things that happen in the [illegible] could happen to any family in similar circumstances. Their behavior is in no way motivated by the fact that the play is being performed by colored actors, and there are no leering, [illegible] southern [illegible] stereotypes [illegible]. Broadway and Hollywood should take a good long look and go forth and do likewise.

The cast, which also includes George Randol, [illegible], Theodora Smith, Hubert Henry, Alvin Childress, John Tate, and Henry [illegible], received [illegible] curtain calls from the first-night audience.—[Elliot].

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Labor's Gains Hailed

JAMES V. KING

CHARLES COLLINS

THOMAS RICHARDSON

James V. King, President, State, County and Municipal Workers of America, NY District:

"Under the pressure of the labor movement, and particularly of the CIO, long standing barriers to the employment of Negroes have been broken and there has been a large influx of Negro workers into the trade unions with many of them assuming their rightful place as leaders.

"Reaction will attempt in the postward period to divide the country and particularly to destroy the unity between Negro and white in the labor movement. We, in the CIO, are determined that this shall not happen. We are not prepared to take a single step back on the question of racial equality."

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Charles A. Collins, Executive Secretary, Negro Labor Victory Committee:

"More and more Negro men and women are joining the ranks of organized labor thereby drying up the large reservoir of cheap, unskilled, unorganized menial labor which unscrupulous employers have always utilized to set black against white and beat down the living standards of all workers.

"With our new strength in the labor movement, together with labor's own political awakening, we can make these small, but significant gains, among them the election of the first Negro Congressman from New York, the beginning of real and consistent progress. It is with the utmost confidence, therefore, that we, together with our most reliable ally—the organized labor movement—face the future America that must emerge after the defeat of international fascism."

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Thomas Richardson, National Representative, United Federal Workers of America, CIO:

"It is my firm conviction that Labor Day, 1944, must record a pattern for unity of all Americans, behind the President's program,

"Such unity is essential on the part of organized labor, Negroes, farmers and other sections of the population of our country is to (1) secure a law providing for orderly reconversion to full employment under a peace time economy (including protection of employment gains made by minority groups), (2) secure an anti-poll tax law; and (3) a law establishing a permanent FEPC.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

ON THIS LABOR DAY, behind the brilliant leadership of President Roosevelt, the working men and women of America, both Negro and white, are determined that not only the victory but the peace shall be won for the cause of all humanity.

SMITH

The same unity that is helping to win the war is imperative after the war. Labor has set for itself the task of assuring economic and social justice for the common people of America and of the world.

Labor together with other progressive sections of the population, must continue to wage relentless warfare against the twin virus of anti-Semitism and Jimcroism. Hitler's little helpers in America who foment racial and religious strife must be ruthlessly exposed and brought to justice, now and after V-Day.

Labor's most vital and immediate task is to assure the re-election of President Roosevelt and a progressive Congress. That is the best guarantee that the common man, regardless of race, color or creed, will march forward toward the brightest future of mankind.

The poll tax Democrats and northern Republicans in the House, day in and day out obstruct the progressive policies of F. D. R. have just demonstrated anew their complete contempt of the little people of America.

They have seriously threatened the post-war economic security of the nation: by enacting the House Ways and Means Committee reconversion bill which scuttles human rights.

Negro and white workers must unite on the political front in the November elections behind the Roosevelt-Truman ticket to safeguard and extend the gains already won.

Upon labor and its political arm, the CIO Political Action Committee, rests the prime responsibility to prevent the defeatists and labor-haters from losing the peace on the home front.

Every worker, whether in or outside the ranks of organized labor, must realize that without economic security the peace is not worth the price we have paid.

What everyone may not have learned as yet, is that the road to economic security is through political action. The first thing that must be done is to make sure that every eligible voter is registerd. Failure to register is to admit you don't want security after the war. Think that over.

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"Freedom Road" Autho
To Discuss Book

Howard Fast, author of the current best-seller, "Freedom Road," will be presented in a discussion of his new book by the George Washington Carver School on Sunday, September 17, at 3 p.m. at the Congress Casino, 168 W 132 st. Mr. Fast will tell how he came to write this book which gives such a stirring picture of the democratic struggles of the Negro and poor white citizens of South Carolina during the Reconstruction Period which followed the Civil War. This will be his first public appearance as a speaker since the publication of the book.

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Bias Charged to HOLC In Purchase of Home

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week vigorously protested to the Home Owners Loan Corporation rank discrimination in the case of Miss Daphne Herbert who submitted forms and fulfilled specified requirements for a loan on the purchase of a home in Corona, L.I.

When the request was first denied by the government agency, it was found the application had been marked "colored prospect." Reconsideration was based on both the raising of the original price of the home and the down payment.

The NAACP pointed out "This property was to be bought for $[illegible],500, $800 down, and $59.60 per month thereafter." Response from Mr. John W. Palmer, of the HOLC stated "Because of the type of property involved, it will be necessary for Miss Herbert to make terms and conditions which we have previously outlined to our local representative in his negotiations with her as a prospective purchaser a price of $7.000 and a down payment of $2,000."

The property referred to is located at 3316 97 st, Corona, L.I. in a mixed community with many Negroes living one half block away from the address listed.

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HILDA SIMMS, who plays the title role in the new Broadway hit, "Anna Lucasta," (see page 22) takes time during the play's opening week to register to vote. All in all, it was an exciting week for the talented young actress. Last Monday, she registered for the first time; Wednesday, she made her first Broadway appearance; Thursday, she found herself the toast of New York with her performance acclaimed even by the seldom-pleased drama critics.

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CIO Leader Joins OPA Policy Board

John M. Thornton, Negro field representative of the CIO United Steelworkers of America was nominated recently by President Philip Murray as a member of the Labor Policy Committee of the Office of Price Administration. The appointment was confirmed by OPA Administrator Chester W. Boles.

Thornton, who comes from Pittsburgh, Pa., has been active with the Steelworkers Union since 1936.

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Councilman Davis Asks Jailing of Lynchers

Another voice was added to the nationwide protest demanding that the Federal government take effective steps against lynching when Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, jr, sent the following telegram to US Attorney General, Francis Biddle:

Lynching of Rev. Isaac Simmons, Negro minister in Mississippi is shocking fascist crime against American democracy. It is against spirit of the times. It flaunts will of American people including thousands of progressive southerners who are fighting present war that lynching and oppression be banished from earth. Murderers are known. Insist Attorney General immediately bring criminals to justice and guarantee enforcement 13-14-15 amendments. Victory and free post-war world demand immediate action.

(signed) BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

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First Lady in Harlem

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt wa scheduled to visit Harlem thi Wednesday noon as the guest of the Board of Directors at Suydenham Hospital. This is the First Lady's first visit in Harlem since last spring, when she at-[illegible]ded special exercises at a lo

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Ferdinand Smith Honored

Ferdinand C. Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union and national CIO leader, will be honored with a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Commodore Wednesday evening, September 20, when progressive leaders pay tribute to him for his service to the Negro people and to the American labor movement.

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Cuban President To Fight Jimcro

President-elect Dr. Ramon San Grau Martin of Cuba, who is in New York on an official visit until this Thursday and who was enthusiastically received in Washington recently, presaged a new day for Cuba when he declared on August 9:

"My government will not permit the practice of racial discrimination." This statement was made in an interview with a commission representing the Provincial Federation of Negro Societies of Cuba.

Dr. Grau, who was supported by a popular electorate in his campaign for the Presidency, said that it was his desire that discrimination, itself, would come to be only a sad, historical memory. In the campaign, both the supporters of Grau and of the government candidate, Dr. Saladrigas, came out firmly and unequivocally against all forms of discrimination. Labor now supports Grau because of this stand.

The Batista regime, particularly in the last four years, has taken drastic steps against discrimination and in this, has had the fullest support of labor and all anti-fascist movements. Lazaro Pena, General Secretary of the Cuban Confederation of Labor, is a Negro. Although Dr. Grau does not resemble his predecessor, Batista, who is part Negro, he was well-known for his humanitarianism and liberalism while he taught medicine at the University of Havana.

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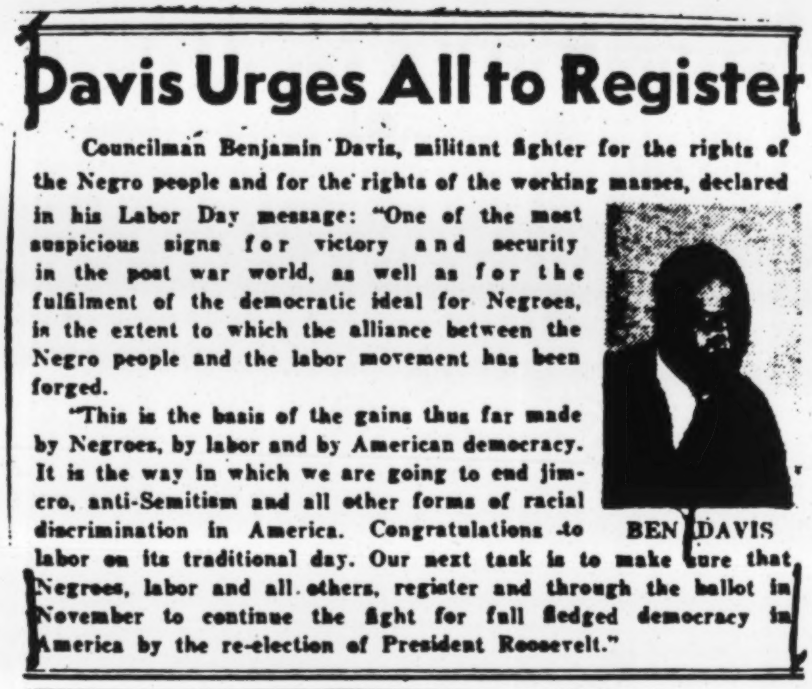

Davis Urges All to Registe

Councilman Benjamin Davis, militant fighter for the rights of the Negro people and for the rights of the working masses, declared in his Labor Day message: "One of the most suspicious signs for victory and security in the post war world, as well as for the fulfilment of the democratic ideal for Negroes, is the extent to which the alliance between the Negro people and the labor movement has been forged.

"This is the basis of the gains thus far made by Negroes, by labor and by American democracy. It is the way in which we are going to end jimcro, anti-Semitism and all other forms of racial discrimination in America. Congratulations to labor on its traditional day. Our next task is to make sure that Negroes, labor and all others, register and through the ballot in November to continue the fight for full fledged democracy in America by the re-election of President Roosevelt."

BEN DAVIS

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Negro Vote Decisive In Coming Elections

Alarmed over the poor showing of the Negro vote in the recent primaries, about 30 representatives from church, civic, union fraternal, educational and political organizations met last Wednesday afternoon at the Institute of International Democracy, 23 W 26th st and agreed to assume the responsibility of undertaking a non-partisan drive to mobilize every Negro citizen to register for the coming election.

Harlem, where only one-fifth of potential votes were cast in its 22nd Congressional District in the primaries, will be the point of the most serious concentration during the registration week of October 9 to 14.

To guarantee participation of every potential voter in this most crucial of all elections, the assembled group decided the campaign must begin immediately and that every kind of organization in Harlem, Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn must be enlisted to rally its people and its machinery for action.

It was pointed out that in strategic areas, the concentrated Negro vote will play a decisive role in the elections, provided every qualified voter is registered. Large sections of Negro people who have migrated to war centers during the past few years create a real problem.

It was reported that large numbers of Negro people were turned away from the polls because they had not registered. Some of these had failed to register in primaries, others migrants from Southern states where they had never voted were wholly ignorant of the necessity of registration and other election procedures.

Saul Mills, Secretary, Industrial Union of Greater New York, calling the next six weeks the most important period before elections, said the CIO will put at the disposal of the campaign 14 sound trucks to be used at subways and at street meetings.

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House Delay of FEPC Hearings Disturbs PAC

The Political Action Committee wired Senator Dennis Chavez and Rep. Mary Norton pledging its vigorous support of legislation for a permanent FEPC and expressed its concern over the House committee's delaying its hearings until after elections.

"Action on this legislation to implement both Democratic and Republican platforms promised to American minorities was never more urgent than now," the telegram stated.

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REV. R. H. JOHNSON, editor-publisher and manufacturer of Florida who has established general headquarters for a nationwide movement known as the Good Neighbors Cooperative Clubs at 1 W 125 st, Room 211. This movement has as its objective the social and economic betterment of Negroes through cooperative manufacturing, merchandising, agricultural production and marketing.

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MRS. DAISY S. GEORGE, Business Agent, Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6:

"American assembly lines are pouring their might of material right into France. . . . the integration of Negroes into the over-all pattern is amazingly complete, and, like everyone else, Negroes are doing anything and everything to bring about the defeat of the axis machine as fast as possible.

"The future of the Negro in the labor movement is comparable to the role that he plays on the assembly lines and the fighting fronts. Our future will depend upon the degree to which we participate in the affairs and interests of our trade unions."

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SHELTON TAPPES, Recording Secretary, Ford Local 600, United Automobile Workers (CIO): "The future role of the Negro in the labor movement is that of playing a full part in the progressive program as he becomes more fully aware of all the issues and completely alert in prosecuting them with clarity and understanding.

"The liberal forces of our nation and the world at large continually petition that oppressive restraint be abolished. Our choice is narrowed to a definite alliance with those who insist upon full social, economic, and political equality. The Negro must become further integrated into labor's struggles. He must accept labor's fight as his fight recognizing a common objective."

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Ministers to Hear Sidney Hillman

The National Nonpartisan Colored Ministers Association will hear Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee at a mass meeting in NYC on Thursday, September 21, the Rev. S. L. Corrothers, president of the association, announced this week.

Other speakers include Bishop W. J. Wall of the Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Chicago; Dr. S. T. Eldridge, president of the Baptist Ministers Alliance; and Dr. J. Raymond Walsh, CIO Educational and Research director.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

by FERD [illegible] SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

An important victory in the fight against discrimination was won on August 24th when the Army released an order lifting the ban against Negro soldiers in army post exchanges, army buses and motion picture houses.

SMITH

On August 25th the National Maritime Union sent the following telegram to Secretary of War Henry Stimson:

"The 85,000 members of the National Maritime Union are enthused and inspired by the historic army order lifting the ban against Negro soldiers in army post exchanges, army buses and motion picture houses.

"We can assure you from our own experience on NMU merchant ships where Negroes and whites have worked together, eaten together, and slept together for years, that the free mingling of men of all races results not in friction but in greater cooperation and understanding.

"We have long known of the bravery of Negroes in the face of ruthless attack from Nazi subs and planes. Now tales of Negro troops who have covered themselves with glory in the theatres of war have already reached us. Even under adverse conditions these men have shown that they have much to contribute to victory and the durable peace that will follow. Given the opportunity, our Negro people — soldiers, sailors, merchant seamen, men and women on the home front — can do even greater things. Your new order will help give them that opportunity.

"Your death blow to Jim Crowism in the Army will raise the morale of Negroes all over the country."

Recognition of the role Negroes are playing in the winning of this war against fascism is gaining momentum. On Friday, August 25th, the New York Herald Tribune carried an editorial entitled "Negro Record on Merchant Ships." It told of the heroism of Negro officers and men in the merchant marine and pointed out that on "July 15th the NMU placed in operation a contract which prohibits discrimination 'because of race, creed, color or national origin.' This contract has been accepted by 124 ship companies. Here, surely, is a long step taken in the right direction. Neither storms, nor mines nor torpedoes have shown discrimination. Ships which sail every ocean may fitly be officered and manned by all such free men as have shown themselves able to steer a course, save a life and win a war."

The fundamental truth that a durable peace and the realization of our war aims as embodied in the Atlantic Charter — freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of religion and freedom of speech — cannot be attained unless full democratic rights are extended to minority groups, is emerging with greater clarity each day.

The Army Order in its present form is a big step forward in the extension of these rights. The next logical and immediate step in the building of morale and national unity is to discontinue segregation of Negro and white troops.

The gains which minority groups have so far attained could not have been achieved were it not for the enlightened policy on this question of the Roosevelt administration. The Order which established the Fair Employment Practice Committee to eliminate discrimination in industry was issued by our Comander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt. The reelection of Roosevelt is the best guaranty that these gains will be maintained and even greater advances made.

[illegible] labor unions and call [illegible] all affiliates to lift [illegible] to admission of Negro members.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAIL CHRISTMAS GIFT PACKAGES TO SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

Mr. War Worker

Join Several Hundreds of Others Who Commute Daily from Harlem to Our Plant by [illegible] Line Buses from West [illegible] Street, New York. Help Us Produce Copper, Aluminum, and Other Metals for Guns, Tanks and Ammunition!

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GET YOUR P.V. EACH WEEK OR SEND FOR A SIX MONTH SUBSCR[illegible]ION... MAIL LESSONS TO "DRAW[illegible] FOR THE FUNNIES" CARE OF [illegible]PLES VOICE.

CAMP UNITY, NOT FAR UP IN THE BERKSHIRES, but far enough to give you that old vacation feeling, was the favorite resort spot of New Yorkers from all walks of life this summer as the layout above shows. Offering every type of amusement imaginable — swimming, boating, tennis, handball, ping pong, movies, dancing to the torrid tunes of [illegible] Carr's tantalizing little band, and all sorts of cultural advantages, including good music (Aubrey Pankey sang up there last week), lectures and discussions on cultural and political topics, Camp Unity is steadily gaining a reputation as one of the best places in America to relax after a year's hard work. Season this year ends just after the middle of September—(PV fotos).

One God—One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

THE war will soon be over. Lloyds of London are giving six to one odds that it will be over by October 1. I sincerely hope they [illegible] the odds should the Negro to give [illegible] actually [illegible] will [illegible] my [illegible]ment words. We want a [illegible] peace. For when I think of the [illegible] I am frightened.

RICHARDSON

[illegible] WARS [illegible]

Negroes have been in every war this nation has ever fought. Our war history dates from the heroic death of Crispus Attucks, who perished as the first martyr to American freedom (which he never would have enjoyed) in 1770. Negroes were with General George Washington on the 24th of August 1778. The records show some 775 Negroes were in his army at that time. All told, more than 3,000 colored soldiers fought in the Revolutionary War. Another writing can give accounts of their distinguished service.

In the War of 1812, 2,000 Negroes from New York alone were accepted into the service. Two more battalions of 500 each won singular honors in the battle of New Orleans. In the Civil War, certainly more than 178,975 Negro soldiers participated in actual battles. Another [illegible] Negroes [illegible]. Their exploits were not recorded. When the Spanish-American War came, four Negro regiments were among the first to be [illegible] to the front. When some 458,838 Negroes enlisted in the World War [illegible] this number only slightly more than 200,000 went overseas. The greater number of these were given shovels, yet the record of Negroes [illegible].

[illegible] TODAY AGAIN

There are approximately 900,000 Negroes in this war. They are being treated slightly better than their elders were during the last war. [illegible], however, they are being [illegible]. [illegible] Negro soldiers still have shovels. Too many of the [illegible] they perform are going unnoticed by the [illegible] a part of the American armed forces . . . still. Yet these things, as bad as they are, do not occasion my great worry as I write this column.

WHAT OF TOMORROW?

When this war is over white men are going to be unemployed. Millions of them are going to be let out into the streets. The Government predicts more than 17,000,000 men and women are going to be job hunting after the Armistice. I know that of this number, by all odds, in percentages, Negroes will be [illegible]. We were only hired because there was a shortage of manpower. The great Unions still won't accept us.

The CIO has done a great job . . . but it can't make jobs. It can see to it that Negroes are retained in a fair ratio to their present employment . . . but this is only possible if the jobs exist. Figures given to Congress recently by Senator [illegible] showed the breakdown in employment [illegible] to come when the rate of demobilization [illegible] rate of [illegible] of war industry to [illegible] time production. A lot of [illegible] going to be caught in the [illegible]. Negroes above all are going to be [illegible].

STARVE QUIETLY

Because Negroes are [illegible] of [illegible] miserable ghettos the things that happen to them [illegible] and no one would know it. This is true for communities of Negroes all over the country. We have been [illegible] by [illegible]. When the cutting comes we [illegible]. When the wages are halved ours will be whittled down to [illegible] nothing. [illegible]

OLD FOLK KNOW BETTER

My parents lived through two wars . . . this is their third. What is [illegible] in each of the wars this country has fought. [illegible]. The more elaborate the war the greater the spending . . . the greater the debt, the greater the slump when it is all over. American [illegible] poured millions into Europe before this war. They [illegible] to a large degree. Huge [illegible] supplied the enemy after Pearl Harbor. . . . This is a mixed war. . . . Some of it is being fought for freedom, ideals and such good [illegible] of it is being fought to protect the dollars invested by American businessmen in Europe. This will be the case in all wars [illegible] for the post-war catastrophe that awaits him.

Don't be [illegible]. Break with the Uncle Toms of Church or State. Go easy on [illegible] Over There" emphasis and try to get straight "Over Here." [illegible] you have! Keep your children in schools. Advise them to train for practical employment as well as the cultural arts. Clerks work, when College professors double up from [illegible] . . . Read this column over again and reread it.

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SOAPBOX

by Adam Clayton Powell, J

POWELL

ACCORING TO RELIABLE REPORTS from Hollywood, the fight of the Negro against degradation by Hollywood producers is about to receive a set-back from which it may take us years to recover. A "vicious piece of hocus-pocus," our Hollywood correspondent calls it, the Walt Disney studios are drawing a feature cartoon built around the legendary Uncle Remus of Uncle Tom days, in which the lowest type of dialect is used throughout the dialogue and the handkerchief head Negro type is glorified.

If we let this movie reach the screens of the country, we will wipe out the progress that has been made during recent years against Hollywood propaganda that serves to stymie us in all fields of endeavor. Slowly, but surely, we have been making some progress in the propaganda medias of the country—the radio, the white press, and the movie, although the latter industry has indeed been the hardest to fight.

We have been concentrating our fight for better roles against the major studios, and have been getting some results. But the cartoon companies have been getting away with murder with their caricatures of Negro band leaders, jitterbugs, African cannibals, et cetera. The animated cartoon companies are not members of nor subject to the rules of the Will Hays office, so they must be fought individually.

If we begin now to exert every ounce of protest and pressure we can bring to bear against this piece of skullduggery about to come from the pen of Walt Disney, we can stop it. Although we did not stop the showing of the picture displaying Thaddeus Stevens as a crack-pot because he dared to take a stand for equality for Negroes, our protests did make Hollywood soften some scenes and change the title. We also prevented the revival of race-baiting "Birth of a Nation."

This will be a harder fight, but with conscientious, continued pressure of all sorts, collectively and individually, we can stop this picture from reaching the screens.

Write or wire Walt Disney at once. Contact all your friends and have them do so. Get all the organizations to which you belong to send telegrams, letters, phone calls. Keep up the pressure. Do not relax. The fight is hard and the stakes are great. If we permit this infamous piece of propaganda to go through, Hollywood will have no respect at all for us, and it has little enough now.

The People's Voice is ready to give all the publicity it can to this fight. Already one or two of our Negro actors have backed out of roles. Thank them. Let them know you are with them. And jump on those who are about to sell their birthrights for a mess of pottage by taking any part in the film. The story on the theatre page gives some of their names.

Let's start now. Let's start to pass the ammunition at once.

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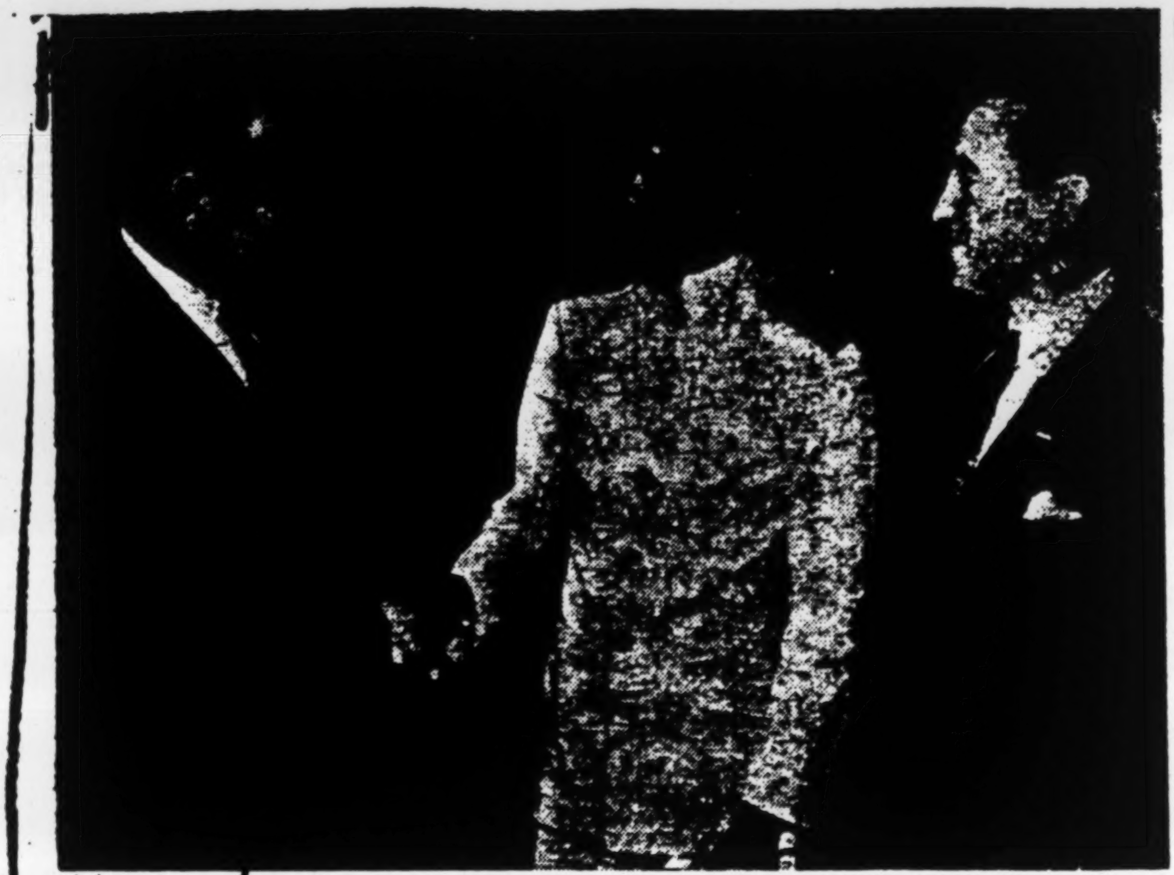

CAPTAIN HUGH MULZAC, valiant skipper of the SS. Booker T. Washington and a man who has delivered the goods to the United Nations forces all over the world, is throwing his weight into the battle for re-election of President Roosevelt. He is now a member of the National Citizens Political Action Committee. Here PAC Chairman Sidney Hillman welcomes Capt. Mulzac to membership on the committee, while Clark Foreman, committee secretary looks on. On Monday, Hillman challenged the FBI and House and Senate investigating committees which were looking into the affairs of PAC o after the political activities of Gerald L. K. Smith and other fascist and semi-fascist outfits, te ng them the House Expenditures Committee had been investigated by the FBI twice, although "no othe olitical organization has been subject of its scrutiny."

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Henry A. Wallace Takes PV Staff by Surprise

To the utter surprise of the entire *PV* staff—from copy boy to editor—the amiable and unassuming exponent of the "century of the common man," Vice-President of the United States Henry Agard Wallace, walked in Monday afternoon unannounced to the offices of *People's Voice* for a friendly chat with his close friend, Congressional candidate Adam Clayton Powell, Jr—who is away on vacation. While Editor Marvel Cooke pressed buttons frantically and reached six ways for telephones summoning photographers, artists and other journalistic trivia, reporters fumbled for paper and pencils that lay abundantly everywhere.

While hysteria reigned, the modest farmer-diplomat, Henry Wallace, who was once an editor himself, perched himself on Publisher Charles Buchanan's desk and chatted cordially with the *PV* staff; Publisher Buchanan and Joe Ford, Powell's campaign manager.

The Vice-President explained *PV* was his last stop enroute back to Washington after a tour of New England towns where he talked to mayors on the problems of post-war employment.

Mr. Wallace requested that Adam C. Powell, jr report to him on what he considers will be employment conditions in post-war Harlem. The Vice-President is aware that the Negro people will be most acutely affected in any serious post-war unemployment. Joe Ford, Sec. of the Peoples Committee explained that his committee was already preparing a survey of the post-war employment problems.

HENRY A. WALLACE

PV recently carried front-page warning on the serious danger of cutbacks in war industries and pointed out the need for reconversion plans. One of the biggest controversies in Washington now exists over Donald Nelson's and his assistant Wilson, whether reconversion should begin now while we are still at war, or should be delayed until later.

Wallace has been called not the President's assistant, but his partner. This active personal interest in the problems of post-war employment now, in spite of the fact that he is no longer candidate for his former high office indicates very strongly the sincerity and measure of this great American idealist and statesman.

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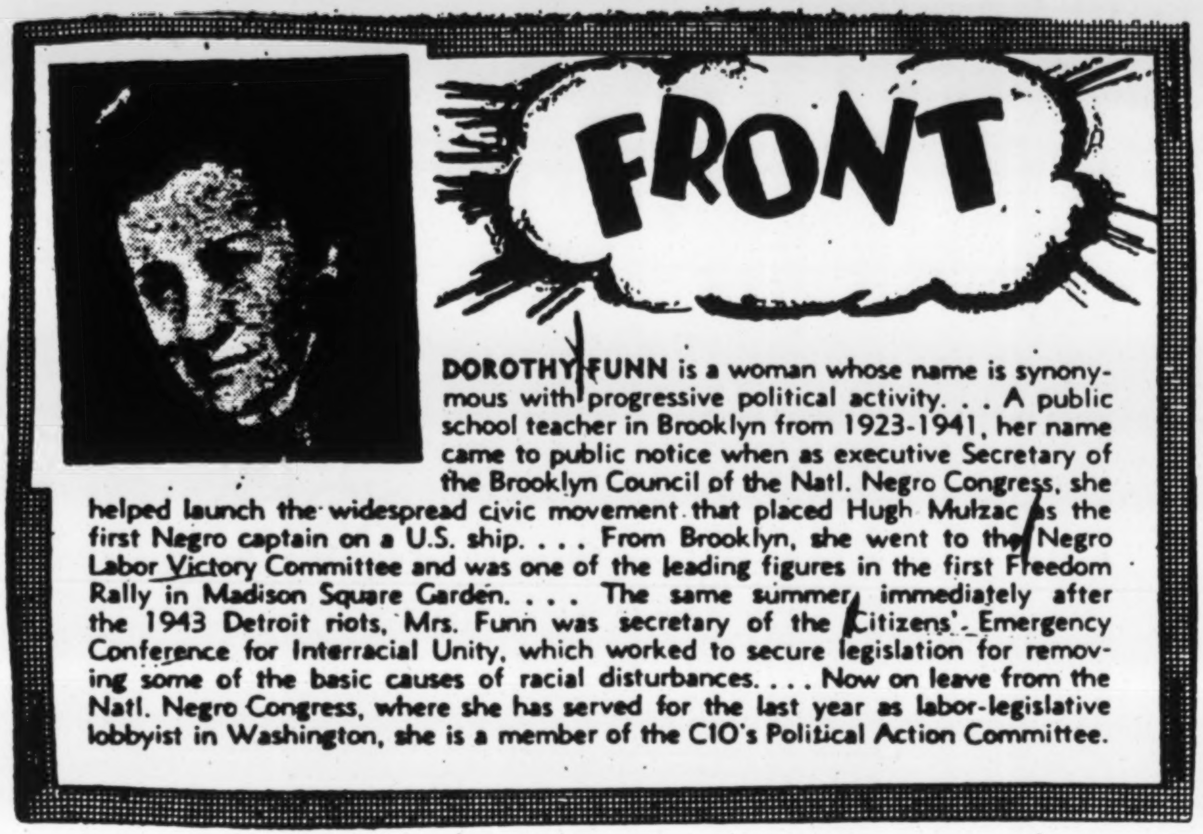

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DOROTHY FUNN is a woman whose name is synonymous with progressive political activity. . . A public school teacher in Brooklyn from 1923-1941, her name came to public notice when as executive Secretary of the Brooklyn Council of the Natl. Negro Congress, she helped launch the widespread civic movement that placed Hugh Mulzac as the first Negro captain on a U.S. ship. . . . From Brooklyn, she went to the Negro Labor Victory Committee and was one of the leading figures in the first Freedom Rally in Madison Square Garden. . . . The same summer, immediately after the 1943 Detroit riots, Mrs. Funn was secretary of the Citizens' Emergency Conference for Interracial Unity, which worked to secure legislation for removing some of the basic causes of racial disturbances. . . . Now on leave from the Natl. Negro Congress, where she has served for the last year as labor-legislative lobbyist in Washington, she is a member of the CIO's Political Action Committee.

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15 Seabees Plan To Reopen Case

"We are casualities of war. The country for which we worked and fought has stigmatized us," said Seabee Isaac McNatt, expressing the view of the 19 Seabees who now seek redress under a provision in the new GI Bill of Rights from a "yellow" discharge last October that was neither honorable nor dishonorable, but denied them the status and benefits of veterans.

This, in all probability, will be the first case to be tried under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, Section 301, which authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to appoint a five-man board to review dismissals not based upon general court-martial.

These men have been discharged without benefit of trial. The case was taken up by the NAACP and presented to the former Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, who replied that the dismissal was justified in time of war. Later Knox's successor, James Forrestal, told the NAACP that the case was closed.

Last week a spokesman for the National CIO War Relief Committee said, "Mr. Forrestal is mistaken. This case is not closed, and will not be closed until the 19 Seabees have received full justice and reparations from the authorities."

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West Indian Emancipation Anniversary Observed

The 110th anniversary of West Indian emancipation from slavery was celebrated last Sunday afternoo under the auspices of the West Indies Natl. Council an the Abyssinian Baptist Church in the latter's auditoriu Speakers on the occasion represented most of the leadin organizations and the Negro press of the city.

Dr. Charles A. Petioni, president of the West Indies Nat'l Council, presided over the meeting whose main theme was the necessity for maintaining unity among all progressive people of the world and the colonial nations, in order that full emancipation may be obtained as well as peace and a democratic world order.

The main address, delivered by Richard B. Moore, vice-president of the Council, dealt with the far-reaching significance of West Indian emancipation and its effect on slavery in America. City Councilman Benj. Davis, jr, pointed out that progressives of all races must unite if colonial peoples are to be saved from imperialism. He asked for support to the policies of FDR in the fight for full democracy.

Kingsley Mbadiwe, president of the African Academy of Arts and Research, spoke of the kinship among all peoples of African descent. Greetings were received from the Council on African Affairs and from Kumar Goshal, Indian author and lecturer. Among the other speakers were Thelma Dale, National Negro Congress executive secretary and Mrs. Amy Ashwood Garvey of Jamaica, BWI.

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Federal Bias Fought

Intensifying their efforts to preserve equal opportunities in Federal employment for racial and religious minorities, members of the United Federal Workers of America, CIO, formally established on August 26th a Regional Committee on Racial Unity to direct and coordinate the anti-discrimination activities of the union's local branches in Greater New York and northern New Jersey.

John Harmon of OPA was elected chairman, and the Committee immediately swung into action to carry out its announced intention "to keep racial and religious discrimination out of every phase of Federal employment — the promoting or dismissing of present employees as well as the hiring of new ones — in accordance with the President's Executive Order No. 8802 setting up the Fair Employment Practices Committee."

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Youths Distribute Soldiers' Ballots

The week of August 21 to 26 was Negro Youth Week for the Distribution of Soldier Applications for War Ballots.

Approximately 3,000 applications were distributed by twenty-five young people of the New York State Conference of Negro Youth.

These applications were given to persons who have relatives or friends of voting age in the armed services of the United States.

Headquarters were set up for the week at the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP at 47. Sumner st.

Applications may still be obtained from the Citizens' Committee for the Distribution of Soldiers' Allocations for Ballots at 11 W 42 st, Manhattan.

A drive for registration of qualified voters will be scheduled soon by Woodrow T. Lewis, Chairman of the New York State Conference of Negro Youth.

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Schappes Defense Gains Adherents

Henry Ward Beer, president of the Federal Bar Association of New York, Northern New Jersey and Connecticut, and Congressman Samuel Dickstein have appealed to Governor Thomas E. Dewey for clemency for Morris Schappes, City College teacher who has already served 9 months of a sentence arising out of the 1940 Rapp-Coudert investigation of subversive activity in New York City schools.

Dickstein referred in his statement to the useful work Schappes had performed in the community and to the fact that his conviction was for no deliberate violation of the law. Beer stated that Schappes should not b punished because of his memership in a minority group hich had a right to its own inions.

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Ben Davis Club Opens

The Ben Davis Club of the Communist Political Ass'n will celebrate the opening of its new headquarters at 2315 Seventh av, Saturday, Sept. 9.

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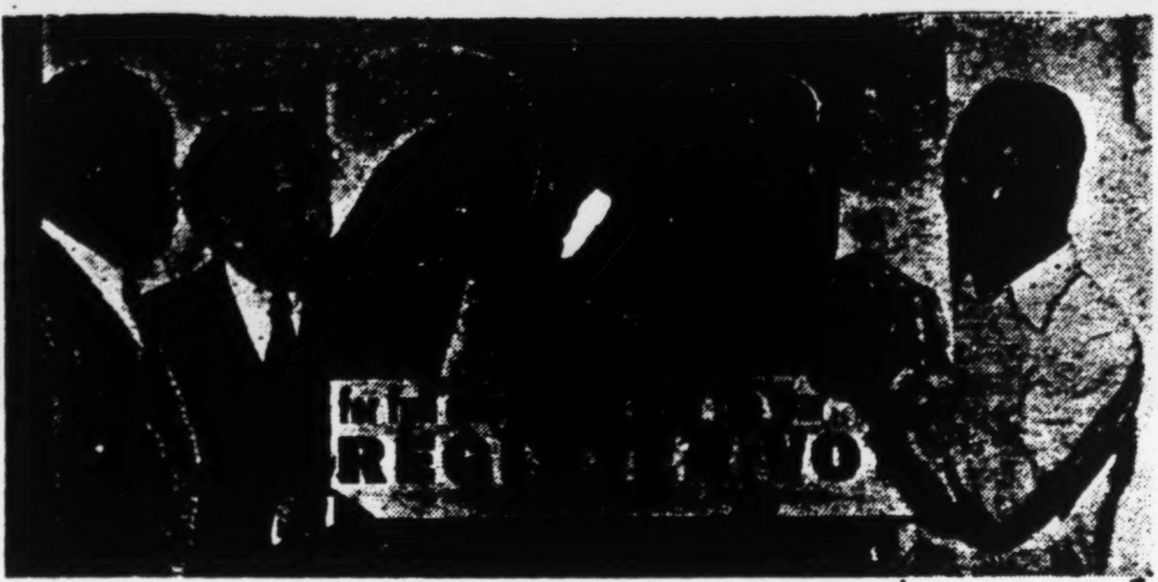

ARTISTS ALL—Owen Dodson, talented young playwright, Langston Hughes, people's poet, and Canada Lee, actor who is now playing in the Broadway hit, "Anna Lucasta," take time out of their busy and productive lives to urge voters to get out and register. Placard they are examining is being distributed by the CIO Political Action Committee.

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ENCLOSURE

Mrs. Fauset Embraces Gov. Dewey in a Huff

In a move which observers attribute to resentment over failure to achieve her personal ambitions, Mrs. Crystal Byrd Fauset, former Pennsylvania legislator and member of the Democratic National Committee, last week declared her support for the election of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey as President. When Gov. Dewey finished his address in Philadelphia last Thursday, Mrs. Fauset rushed from her place on the platform and embraced the Governor demonstrably, declaring her support for his election. At the time she was still on the payroll of the Democratic National Committee, from which she resigned several days later.

When asked by reporters why she was supporting Gov. Dewey, Mrs. Fauset replied: "Because I believe in democracy in politics and believe it will be possible for Negro leaders to confer freely with Governor Dewey should he be elected President."

Mrs. Fauset was recently turned down in her efforts to obtain the position of Recorder of Deeds, to which President Roosevelt appointed Rev. Marshall L. Shepard early this month. She was also refused a position she sought as head of the Negro Women's division of the Democratic National Committee.

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Federal Workers Launch Drive Against Jimcro

The all-out drive by Greater New York and northern New Jersey branches of the CIO's United Federal Workers to keep racial and religious discrimination out of war and post-war employment will be launched at a rally on Wednesday evening, September 13, at which Edward Lawson, regional director of the Fair Employment Practices Committee, Douglas MacMahon, international secretary-treasurer of the CIO Transport Workers Union and Charles Collins, chairman of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, will head the list of speakers. The Job Rights rally will be held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138 st at 7:30 pm and will be open to the public.

Other speakers will be Rabbi Edward Klein of the American Jewish Congress, Max Zaritsky of the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism and Ferucci Moreni of the Italian newspaper, L'Unito del Populo.

John Harmon, chairman of the Union's newly formed Regional Racial Unity Committee, stated: "Our Union realizes that discrimination against any minority group anywhere affects every group everywhere and we have planned this rally as an aid to all workers, in private industry as well as in government employment, in protecting their job rights."

Thomas Richardson, chairman of the Federal Workers' National Racial Unity Committee, and Branson Price, of the Department of Labor's Wages and Hours Division, will outline the government union's program for fighting discrimination in employment and in the communities within the New York and New Jersey area.

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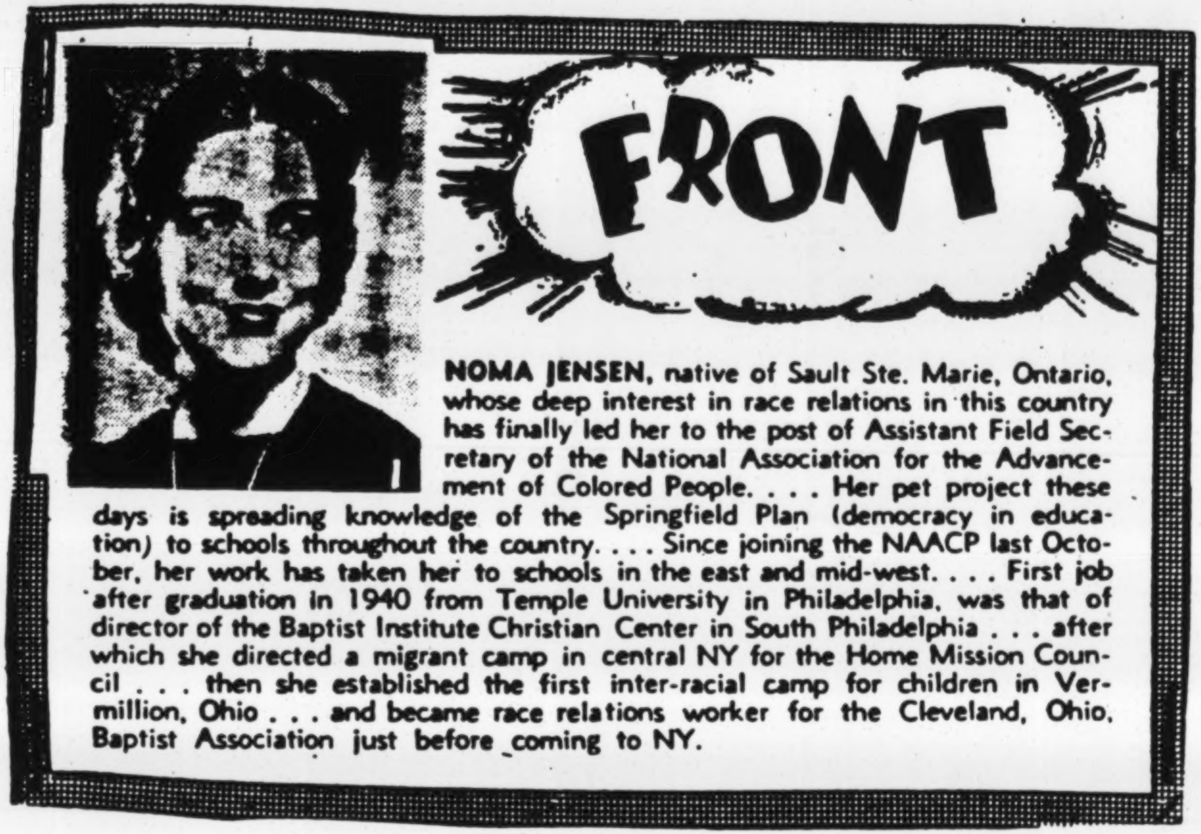

FRONT

NOMA JENSEN, native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, whose deep interest in race relations in this country has finally led her to the post of Assistant Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. . . . Her pet project these days is spreading knowledge of the Springfield Plan (democracy in education) to schools throughout the country. . . . Since joining the NAACP last October, her work has taken her to schools in the east and mid-west. . . . First job after graduation in 1940 from Temple University in Philadelphia, was that of director of the Baptist Institute Christian Center in South Philadelphia . . . after which she directed a migrant camp in central NY for the Home Mission Council . . . then she established the first inter-racial camp for children in Vermillion, Ohio . . . and became race relations worker for the Cleveland, Ohio, Baptist Association just before coming to NY.

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'Freedom Road' Author Will Speak in Harlem

"I'm not a Southerner" said Howard Fast, author of the best seller "Freedom Road," a novel of Negro life in the South after the Civil War, which he will discuss in a forum at the Congress Casino, 168 W 132 st, Sunday, September 17, at 3 pm, under the auspices of the George Washington Carver School. However, I've worked in the South, been through practically all Southern states and known many of the people there."

"I don't know the South like a book," he added, "but most Southerners I've met have known very little about Negroes." This statement was in answer to some criticisms of his book which have appeared in Dixie newspapers, stating that Mr. Fast evidently didn't know anything about Negroes since "Freedom Road" completely avoided the commonplace conception of a happy-go-lucky, dancing, childlike people.

"People who question my right to know Negroes, immediately assume that the Negro is not a human being," Fast continued. "Why, no one questions my right to know what white men are like."

"The characters of "Freedom Road" are perfectly plausible. Gideon Jackson, the hero, is a universal sort of colored man. In varying degrees I've met his qualities in a 100 different Negroes I've known, some of them right here in New York."

In "Freedom Road," Howard Fast, who has already written a long list of books, including the widely read, "Citizen Tom Paine," refutes the version of the Reconstruction period as a time of unparalleled corruption which is given in most histories. During the brief eight years of Reconstruction the South, as the novel indicates, experienced democracy—the only real democracy it has known in modern times. The tales of Negro legislators indulging in such fantastic luxuries as gold cuspidors and rooms panelled in mirrors are completely false, Fast stated.

"The Negro legislators of that time were men of dignity who had to fight their way to freedom," said the young author. "The background of the novel is throughly historical and all the speeches at the Constitutional Convention described were taken from records of the period."

Howard Fast's concern with what happens to Negroes in America is not confined to the past. He believes that we must fight for full civil rights and economic opportunity for Negroes, and that the poll tax is doomed to be wiped out if Roosevelt is re-elected.

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Ben Davis to Speak In Albany Tuesday

Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., membe of the New York City Counci will speak in Albany Tuesday, September 19, at 8 pm at the Church of God and Christ Temple on the subject, "Pathway for Victory and Freedom." Chairman of the meeting will be Elder Claude [illegible]. Parsons, pastor of the church, eated at 72 Rensselaer st.

The picture, "The Negro Soldier," ad Miss Shirley Moore, singer, ill be on the program. Admissio free. The affair is sponsored e Communist. Political Associ ion of Albany.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CI

AT DUMBARTON OAKS, on the outskirts of Washington, the U.S., Great Britain and the Soviet Union have completed vital preliminary discussions for the creation of a postwar peace organization.

We'd give all our eye-teeth to make certain that after victory is ours a smoothly functioning world organization is empowered to act promptly and effectively for the security of all peoples.

SMITH

Organized labor in America hailed the convening of the Washington conference. It is gravely concerned, however, that a Republican victory in November would undermine the strongest pillar of peace—the economic security of the people, regardless of race, color or creed.

There can be no lasting peace without economic security. Yet the Republicans, both in their platform and by their knifing of an adequate reconversion bill, have served sharp notice that they are not giving security of the common man a second thought.

I have already pointed out in this space that the Kilgore bill in the Senate (the Celler bill was its counterpart in the House) was endorsed by ALL sections of organized labor, representing over 50,000,000 workers and their families, and by additional millions of farmers and small business men. But the Republicans, with the help of Southern poll tax Democrats, scuttled the people's will.

This unholy alliance made sure generous millions will be ladled out of the public treasury to take care of the MACHINES; but for the men and women who operated America's industrial plant they turned down Federal aid, bellowing "State's rights," and handed them over to 48 different unemployment insurance systems.

Take a look at the traditional high tariff policy of the Republican Party, reaffirmed in the platform they adopted last June in Chicago.

The weasel-worded foreign trade plank would create foreign antagonisms, lead to high tariffs against American products and, in short, promote destructive cut-throat competition that will endanger the peace.

Only the Roosevelt Administration can enjoy the confidence of the people to assure a smoothly-functioning world security organization; and continue the enlightened common man philosophy that spells jobs for all, full production, and improved living standards for all people everywhere.

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Lincoln Brigade Dance

The Veterans of the Lincoln Brigade will present their Eighth Annual Fall Dance at Manhattan Center on Saturday, September 30. With many Lincoln veterans returning from overseas duty, on the various battlefronts, the affair will serve as a reunion.

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URBAN LEAGUE'S UNITY WEEK

The National Urban League this week announced its second "Victory Through Unity Week," to be observed from September 24 to October 1. This week signalizes the League's annual conference, which opens in Columbus, Ohio, on September 28, and calls the attention of America to the great need for unified thought and action as we approach the day of victory.

Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the League, said in announcing this second celebration: "We are fully aware of the fact that many of the racial tensions which existed in 1943 still exist. All of the efforts of our wisest leadership are still needed in order to eliminate completely the possibility-of racial conflict both now and after the war."

Last year, nine governors and mayors in many cities throughout the country issued proclamations setting aside "Victory Through Unity Week" as a special observance.

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ANNE MATHER, secretary of the Service Councils of the National Urban League, is making a tour of smaller communities in Pennsylvania to help them work out programs to eliminate racial tensions. The Service Councils work through volunteers to see that Negroes are fully integrated into industry and that adequate housing, health, and welfare facilities are available to them.

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Leaders Speed To Honor Smith

Sponsor's list for the testimonial dinner in recognition of Ferdinand C. Smith's outstanding service to labor, the Negro people and the nation, at Hotel Commodore Wednesday evening, September 20, grew by leaps and bounds this week.

The dinner committee has as its chairman, National Maritime Union President Joseph Curran, with Johannes Steel serving as secretary and Captain Hugh Mulzac as treasurer. The honorary chairman is Basil Harris and honorary vice chairmen are Mary McLeod Bethune, D. Stewart Iglehart, Rockwell Kent, Kenneth Leslie, Herman Shumlin, Philip Murray and Paul Robeson.

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SOAPBOX

by Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

POWELL

PV IS AMONG THE FIRST to cry out against injustices, whether the unjust acts be physical brutality, denial of civil rights, false accusations, or what-not. We not only protest against such acts leveled at our own people, but at any other group. In keeping with the rules of fair play and logical thought, PV cries out just as strongly against wrongs committed by our own people.

We are sure that all Negroes, except probably the guilty ones, condemn the five soldiers at Camp Plauche in Louisiana for the brutal attack upon Lucius Jones, a representative of the Pittsburgh Courier, at a night club in New Orleans last week. To insult a man because he does not wear an army uniform is bad enough and inexcusable, but to brutally attack and stab him is a crime beyond the comprehension of civilized, intelligent people.

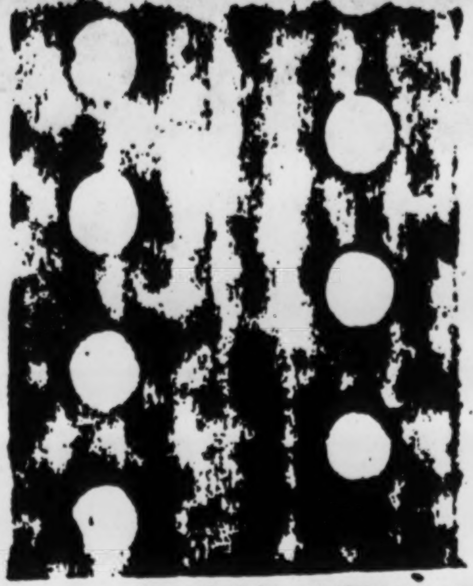
We join the Courier and others in calling for punishment that fits the crime. We want no coddling of these men, just as we want no coddling of anyone who is in the wrong. The Biblical admonition of sparing the rod and spoiling the child holds good here as anywhere else. For our own good, those of us who step out of line should be jerked back [illegible] righteous anger.

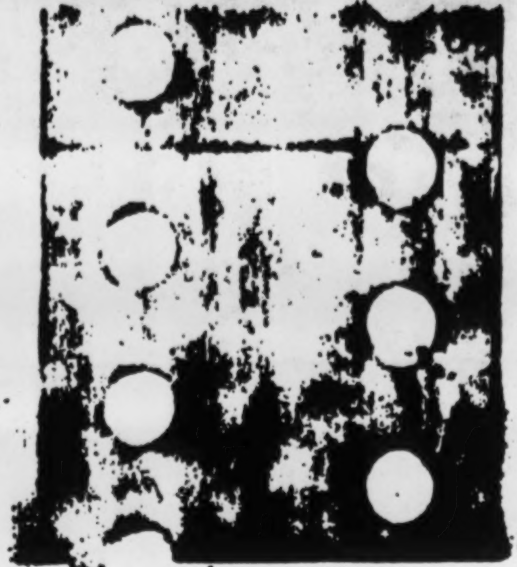
[illegible] one, do not hold that we are a superior people, but [illegible] that we are just like any other people that we have an equal share of human virtues and faults. But there is no reason for us to condone our faults. Because we are at the bottom rung of the ladder socially and economically—not due to our own shortcomings, but to the place in which we have been forced in American life—it certainly behooves us to work harder toward increasing and magnifying our virtues.

This attack upon a reporter for no other reason except that he is a so-called "jodie" calls up another matter that all soldiers should ponder wisely. Because a man is not in the armed forces is no reason for him to be considered a shirker, a jerk, or an inferior of any sort. There are many reasons why a man is not in uniform, many reasons which do not reflect upon him physically, morally, or mentally.

You GI's must surely know that if it were not for thousands of "jodies" the wheels of industry would have collapsed at home while you were on the fronts abroad. How would you have received the armaments with which to knock out Jerry, the food with which to feed the fallen peoples of Europe, as well as yourselves and your families at home, the ships to bring you those supplies and food? What would you have to return to after the war?

But, going back to the criminal attack upon the reporter, we demand a proper trial and a just conviction of these soldiers who have brought degradation upon themselves and us, who have cooperated with the Hitlerites and have gone a long way toward spoiling all our efforts to convince a prejudiced white majority that we are their equals.





NEWS FROM THE LITERARY FRONT—Amy Ashwood Garvey, widow of the late Marcus Garvey, has turned her talents to the magazine field. Her new publication, "Afro Woman," will be on newsstands, she says, by October 10. Editor Garvey, outstanding fighter for the independence of the British West Indies, says the new magazine's aim is the "uplift of the Negro woman the world over." On the staff of the publication (l to r) are Clarice Donaldson, Yvonne Brown, Mrs. Garvey, Leotha Hackshaw and Gloria Gordon.

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Mrs. FDR Hits Press Distortion Of Her Views on the Negro People

By LLEWELLYN RANSOM

In a special interview with PV last Friday, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who has consistently stood for racial equality for all people, flatly denied that her statement: "Social equality is what you have among friends and cannot be a matter of legislation as can citizenship rights," was in any way bowing to the doctrine of "white supremacy," and said that only the foulest distortion could draw any such meaning from it. Her statement was interpreted as a slap at last week's AMSTERDAM NEWS story alleging an "about face" in her often-expressed support for equal rights for Negro citizens. Mrs. Roosevelt told me that she advocates the right of all people to fraternize with those who share with them mutual interests, regardless of race or color.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT had high praise for the interracial plan of Sydenham Hospital when she visited there last week. "That is my idea of democracy in action," the First Lady said as she visited the scene and talked with the interracial staff, some of whom are with her above (l to r): Edwin C. Ross, trustee; Dr. Peter Murray, resident surgeon; David M. Doris, hospital superintendent; Alan C. Dingle, trustee; seated, Augustine A. Austin, trustee.

It has been a matter of public record that she has entertained in her home Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune, Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson and other outstanding and beloved American personalities.

velt explained that "Social equality comes from people's own hearts and contacts." She said that "Social equality is not the province of legislation, but Democratic rights are." She continued, "In a democracy we are concerned primarily with the prevention of the invasion of individual rights—social, economic, and political. I do advocate strongly that Negro citizens have all the rights of all citizens." At an earlier press con- [illegible] rights to the equal opportunity for employment according to ability and at equal pay; justice before the law; participation in government through the ballot; and equal educational opportunities.

Mrs. Roosevelt granted the interview with this PV reporter on the occasion of her visit last week to the Sydenham Hospital, which she acclaimed as a practical demonstration of how members of different races can live and work together harmoniously in a democracy.

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After several hours of sl ing, booing, and speechmaking didn't seem to follow a race tern since they all sat tog and acted together without apparent racial division, the u lawyer, Harald Krieger, called a vote to decide whether should all go back to work Tuesday and leave the matte be settled through regular u channels. The confusion was great that only a handful of m bers voted either way, altho there were over 1,000 present second vote decided their retur work.

President Roy Thomas met porters after a lengthy griev committee meeting and expla that the Negro girls would go to their new jobs. He said t had been no question of senic since it was the practice of shop to place girls on any temporarily at their old pay alternative to laying them when work is slack. He said girls had been placed in temporarily vacated by girls

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Women's Group Urges Registration To Vote

A pre-registration mass meeting to be held Sunday, October 8th from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the Lecture Room at Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W 138 st, is being sponsored by Negro Women Incorporated (NWI). The meeting which starts off the organization's fall campaign to get women to register so that they can vote has as its there: "Negro Women Have A Vote—How Shall They Use It."

According to Mrs. Anna L. Moore, president of NWI, the organization is directing its efforts to pointing out to women the grave dangers that lie ahead of them when only a small portion of the population exercises its right to vote.

Because the four-year-old organization is non-partisan the invited speakers for the October 8th meeting represent varied political views, however, they have in common a keen awareness of the need for an enlightened electorate. Invited speakers include: Adam Clayton Powell, jr; Dolly Lowther, Laundry Workers Joint Board; Councilman Ben Davis, jr; Assemblyman William T. Andrews; Judge Jane Bolin; Marvel Cooke, managing editor of the Peoples Voice; Helen Hayes, well-known actress; Dorothy Bellanca, vice-president Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Charlotte Carr, State regional director Political Action Committee; Phillip Watson, Louis J. Warner, and Ada B. Jackson.

Officers of the organization are: Anna L. Moore, president; Dolly Lowther, vice-president; Ann Petry, executive secretary; Vivian Wenham Spellen, recording secretary; Grace Hunter, financial secretary and Iona Peters, treasurer.

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One God---One People

By BEN RICHARDSON

EVERY NOW AND THEN a letter comes to my desk from a screwball who says all kinds of mean things in writing that I doubt if he would dare say to me or anyone else in person. Usually these twisted mental gnats delights in the use of the epithet "nigger." Of course this offends and were I to meet the primate who calls me this, there is a better than hundred to one chance I would bat hell out of him. But another and more serious charge invariably acompanies the above. My creeping critics frolic with the accusation . . . Communist . . . Red!

RICHARDSON

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNISM?

In earlier columns I have made my position clear on the matter of Communism. . . . My views have not changed since then. Let me restate a few of them for the enemy and late-comers who in a wholesale spirit of wonderment ask for them. These things I say as a minister and a Negro.

The meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at Teheran in December of 1943 is a good starting point for my remarks. What transpired there is the core of the Communist position today. *It was agreed that the three great powers would work together for the defeat of Hitler and the Axis. The masses of people were guaranteed the kind of peace which will remove the evil spectre of war from the world forever. A family of Nations was created and freedom, untrammeled and unassailed was the promise made to all humanity.*

This historic meeting symbolized the coming together of the two great theories of existence . . . socialism and capitalism. Such a wedding of these two tremendous systems is requisite for the winning of this war. It is necessary for the writing of the peace which will be a peace to end Fascism. And here is the added note of vital importance.

ON GUARD FOR ENEMY IN UNION

The three words that spell triumph are Teheran . . . Unity and Victory. I subscribe to them . . . I believe them. But there is a danger hidden in the second . . . Unity. We must be on the alert not to include in that unity forces which will destroy all we gain. Within the church Catholic and Protestant there are Fascist elements. Anyone who talks in terms of Christian front . . . or the Vatican sitting at the Peace table or any other, religious establishments sitting there is an enemy to be met and defeated. The quest for unity must leave the individual the prerogative to omit from his ranks clerical Fascists in all church establishments. To date the Catholic church is betrayed by many persons who are not at all Catholic and the Protestant church is run through with bigots and rank racists who are in no sense Protestant.

We who have faith in the power of Teheran must destroy these forces so that Teheran can succeed and the masses can have a long deserved new day.

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LOVELY LENA HORNE, visiting PV's office and stopping for a chat with Doxey Wilkerson, executive editor, was enthusiastic in her support for the liberal policies of the Roosevelt administration. Said Lena: "It exasperates me to think that there should be any question about the reelection of President Roosevelt. Never in our lives have we had a President who has done so much for the Negro and the 'common man' generally"—(Dummet foto).

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Racial Unity Is Key To End Federal Bias

A new drive to rout discrimination in government employment was opened last week by the Greater New York and northern New Jersey locals of the United Federal Workers (CIO), with a "Job Rights" rally at the Abyssinian Baptist Church—the first in a series of meetings planned by the federal employes union.

"JOB RIGHTS" RALLY HEARS EDWARD LAWSON commending the efforts of the United Federal Workers' of America (CIO) to abolish discrimination in government service. John Harmon (right) was chairman of the rally and heads the union's Regional Racial Unity Committee under whose auspices the meeting was called.

John Harmon, head of their Regional Racial Unity Committee was chairman of the rally.

Edward Lawson, regional director of the Fair Employment Practice Committee, pointed to the excellent wartime performance of minority groups in industry as an answer to discrimination often attempted against them. Charles Collins of the Negro Labor Victory Committee suggested the appointment of a director of personnel by the Federal government to carry out the FEPC policies in civil service.

Giving the keynote of the gathering, Thomas Richardson, national representative of the United Federal Workers, spoke of the successes resulting from united action of all minorities in the U.F.W. An example of this unity, he said, was the recent victory which resulted in the removal of race designations from badges of employes at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Discrimination in hiring, upgrading, and dismissals would be an impossibility in government service, Richardson continued, if the campaign now underway to conclude a collective bargaining agreement at the Brooklyn Naval Clothing Depot is carried through here and elsewhere. Already over [illegible],000 employees have signed a petition for this right—the workers involved are of Italian, Negro, Jewish, and Irish descent, all minorities.

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Smith-Mulzac to Start Six-Week Tour for FDR

Ferdinand C. Smith, national secretary of the National Maritime will be honored with a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Commodore this Wednesday evening, three days before he and Captain Hugh Mulzac, Commander of the *SS Booker T. Washington*, begin their nation-wide tour for the Roosevelt-Truman ticket.

Notables, Negro and white, from various sections of the country will attend the dinner and speakers will be Basil Harris, president of the United Lines; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune; H. Chase Stone, War Shipping Administration; Bishop R. R. Wright; Rev. Marshall Shepherd, recently appointed Recorder of Deeds; Joseph Curran, president of NMU and others.

The dinner is in tribute to the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Smith to the labor movement, the Negro people and the nation. Mr. Smith was a pioneer in building the National Maritime Union that today has a membership of 90,000 of every race, color, creed and political faith.

In the grim days of 1937, when seamen were fighting against the most inhuman working conditions, Smith was elected one of nine men on the Strategy Committee. He accepted with the statement: "I accept on one condition. If we win, the union will not tolerate segregation or discrimination of any sort." His stand was incorporated into the union's constitution.

The NMU's new contract with 124 shipping companies formalize, for the first time, the union's fight against discrimination reading: "There shall be no discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin."

Mr. Smith is vice president, New York State CIO; chairman, Negro Labor Victory Committee; and on the Board of Directors of Suydenham Hospital and the *People's Voice*.

FERDINAND C. SMITH

SMITH-MULZAC ROUTE

Pittsburgh, Sept. 23; Detroit, 24 and a group of meetings in Cleveland and Akron; Cincinnati, Sept. 28; Indianapolis, Sept. 29; Gary, Oct. 1; Los Angeles, Oct. 5; San Francisco, Oct. 10; Seattle, Oct. 11; Kansas City, Oct. 16; St. Louis, Oct. 18; Louisville, Oct. 22; Chicago, Oct 23; Buffalo, Oct. 25; Boston, Oct. [illegible] Baltimore, Oct. 18; Louisville, Oc[illegible]. Baltimore, Nov. 1; Philadelph[illegible], Nov. 2.

They will also visit Trenton [illegible] Newark, N. J.

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World Negro Course To Begin at Library

In describing a special course of study, *A World View Of the Negro Question*, which the General Education Board is providing for Harlem leaders and public officials this fall, Dr. L. D. Reddick, curator of the Schomburg Collectio at the W 135 st Public Library, said, "There is nothin like it in America." The course will take up problems, developments, mass movements, idealogies and leaders of the Negro people in Africa, the West Indies, South America and the US.

The lecturers on these topics will be leading scholars and writers in the field including such men as Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Dr. Otto Klineberg of Columbia University, Dr. E. Franklin Frazier of Howard University, Dr. Herbert Northrup of the National War Labor Board, Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, Krishnalal Shridharani of India, Ernest Kalibala of Uganda, Dr. Eric Williams, formerly of Trinidad, and Lin Yu'ang of China.

The course will be directed by Dr. Reddick and will meet each Saturday, beginning October 7 and continuing to May 19, 1945, at 2 pm in the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature at the W 135 st branch of the library. Those persons who are not leaders or public officials and who may wish to take the course, may register at City College any time after September 16. The same material will be covered and this course will be taught by Dr. Reddick. There is no charge for the course.

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USSR Asks Race Equality

A clause binding the world powers to recognize the principle of racial equality is expected to be introduced by the Soviet Union into the forthcoming conference between that nation, the United States and Great Britain on the sort of world security organization to be set up after the war. Strong support, it is felt, will come from China for such a provision, which will probably follow the suggestion recently made in the Leningrad ZVEZDA, a Soviet publication proposing:

"Expulsion of any state which propagandizes and practices racial, religious, and national discrimination, adheres to the theory of the domination of one nation or race over others, or other similar theories of a fascist character."

An outline of the Soviet policy on minorities, making racial discrimination a criminal as well as a civil offense, is presented in the June issue of the American Sociological Review by Bernhard J. Stern, referring to RUSSIAN COMMUNISM: A NEW CIVILIZATION by the renowned British historians, Sidney and Beatrice Webb, as saying: ". . . That the Soviet Union can claim with a high degree of accuracy that it has solved the difficult problem presented by the existence of national minorities in a strongly

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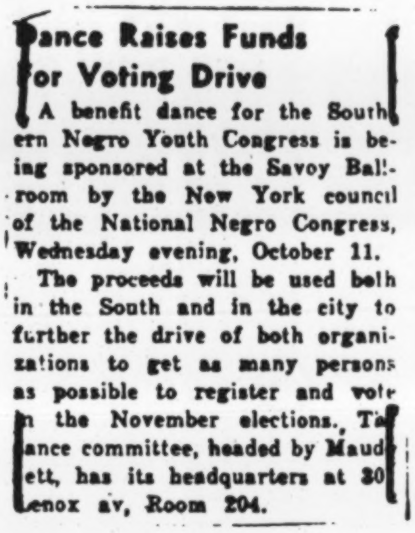

Dance Raises Funds For Voting Drive

A benefit dance for the Southern Negro Youth Congress is being sponsored at the Savoy Ballroom by the New York council of the National Negro Congress, Wednesday evening, October 11.

The proceeds will be used both in the South and in the city to further the drive of both organizations to get as many persons as possible to register and vote n the November elections. T ance committee, headed by Maud ett, has its headquarters at 30 enox av, Room 204.

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Council Formed To Fight Juvenile Delinquency

The Young Women's Council of Siloam Presbyterian Church has initiated a program in order to combat juvenile delinquency in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. It feels that the neighborhood and community in which teen-age youth live have a definite responsibility to see to it that conditions which contribute to delinquency are not permitted to remain. The council is composed of 14 young women who are aware of the advantage in organizing a teen-age canteen in the spacious building of Siloam Church located on the corner of Jefferson and Marcy avs, in the heart of the Bedford-Stuyvesant section.

The available rooms will be able to accommodate 200 teen-age youth, and the council hopes to furnish completely a library, music room, dramatic room and to equip the gymnasium for such sports as basketball, badminton, volley ball. Well qualified social workers (members of the Council) will assist in vocational guidance and counseling to help the youth build their future with a well organised plan. In order to finance the plan, the council is sponsoring a benefit dance, Friday, September 29, in the concert hall of Siloam Presbyterian Church.

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Monument to Jimcro

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which bars Negroes from its Stuyvesant Town project downtown, has just announced plans to erect a modern, park-like community for 1,200 families overlooking the Harlem River. This project, which will relieve acute congestion in the Harlem area, has already been termed the "Metropolitan Monument to Jimcro." The project, to be known as Riverton, is to accommodate 3,400 persons at an average rental basis of $12.50 a room and is expected to cost $5,000,000. The development will take in the land bounded by 135th and 138th sts, Fifth av and the Harlem River.

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Leaders Protest Army Move To Lease Theresa

Reports that the Army plans to take over Theresa Hotel as a post-war demobilization center for returning Negro oversea veterans drew "most vigorous protest" this week from twenty-six Negro leaders of Harlem who called upon President Roosevelt to block the plan. The threat to Theresa Hotel in already overcrowded Harlem was revealed following last week's announcement that the Army has already acquired Pershing Hotel, on Southside Chicago, for one of the proposed two jimcro demobilization centers. Mr. Walter Scott, Manager of Theresa Hotel, refused to confirm or deny reports of the Army plan. It was learned from reliable sources, however, that Army engineers have already been assigned to survey the building.

A telegram sent to President Roosevelt by the protesting Harlem leaders pointed out that "white soldiers brought back from overseas for recreation and relief from battle strain are to be given approximately two weeks each at . . . luxurious hotels and resorts," but that "Negro soldiers are required to go to Theresa Hotel in New York's Harlem, and Pershing Hotel in Chicago's Southside," a joint telegram sent to President Roosevelt this Monday urged him "most vigorously to instruct the War Department to abandon its plans to set up segregated institutions for returning Negro soldiers."

The telegram to President Roosevelt was signed by the following:

A. A. Austin, Commissioner Samuel Battle, Judge Jane Bolin, Herbert Bruce, Harold Burton, Lt. Lewis Chisholm, George Cobren, Henry Craft and Charles A. Collier, Jr.

Additional signers include Frank Crosswaith, Judge Hubert T. Delaney, Fred Dickens, Rev. S. T. Eldridge, Alphonse Heningburg, Edward S. Lewis, Louise McDonald, Frank Montero, Rev. A. C. Powell, Jr., Mrs. Ruth Logan Rober[illegible], Cecilia C. Saunders, George [illegible]. Schuyler, Dr. Channing H. Tobi[illegible], Ludlow Werner, Walter Whi[illegible], Doxey A. Wilkerson and Dr. Lo[illegible]s T. Wright.

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FRONT

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, artist, poet, and fighter for her people, whose name has often been in the forefront of progressive new ventures in the cultural and educational world, is now busily preparing for the October 2nd opening of the George Washington Carver School of which she is director. . . . A product herself of leading universities here and abroad, she looks upon education as a weapon for winning economic, social, and political democracy for the people. . . . . A graduate of local public schools and Columbia University, she began while still very young to gain recognition for her poems and her paintings. Later, she studied art at the Academie Julien, Paris, and the Barnes Foundation, Merion, Penna. . . . She taught art classes at Howard University, and before coming to the Carver School was director of the Harlem Community Art Center.

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Postwar Jobs Plan Made

A program for maintaining in the postwar period the hard won gains of Negroes in securing jobs, promotions, and training in many industries, while not violating union seniority rules, was announced this week by the Negro Labor Victory Committee which represents 107 AFL and CIO unions in this city. The seven points set forth, which the committee will try to get labor, industry, and government agencies to accept, are:

- maintenance of maximum employment and production;
- conduct of layoffs in such a manner as to maintain the fullest employment of Negroes;
- complete acceptance of the principle of seniority; but, recognizing that Negroes have been excluded from industries and therefore unable to attain seniority, a formula shall be worked out among all parties involved to make possible maximum Negro employment;
- full participation of Negroes in all programs for reemployment, training, relocation, and compensation;
- rejection of the old policy that Negroes are "first to be fired; last to be hired";
- rejection of old policy of freezing Negroes, and women particularly, in unskilled jobs;
- unqualified support for the Fair Employment Practice Committee and working for a permanent FEPC.

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1,100 Leaders Join Appeal for Pardon Of Soldiers in Army Scottsboro Case

A total of eleven hundred persons have endorsed the appeal for clemency for Frank Fisher, Jr. and Edward R. Loury, the two soldiers who were convicted of rape in New Caledonia and are facing sentences of eight and ten years respectively, the International Labor Defense announced this week. The two men, who were charged with raping a white woman in Noumea, New Caledonia in 1943, were court martialed and at first given life imprisonment. Appeals on their behalf by Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Judge William H. Hastie, dean of the Howard University school of law, succeeded in the War Department's reducing their sentences in March, 1944.

On June [illegible], 1944, Marcantonio and Hastie, counsel for the victims, sent an appeal to President Roosevelt asking for complete freedom of the men and their reinstatement in the Armed Forces. It is this appeal that has been endorsed by 1,100 prominent citizens, whose names were sent to the White House last week.

Hastie and Marcantonio contend that "circumstances in their case show simply liaison with a woman of loose morals, who during the tryst sought seclusion from passersby rather than their assistance, who accepted pay for her favors and who herself never instituted a complaint against them." "To characterize this commerce as rape offends common sense," they stated, "even as the punishment imposed denies common justice."

During their confinement prior to their trial, the petition states, the men were subjected to brutal "third degree" methods by the military police, as well as unusual hospitalization ordered for one of the prisoners by Army medical authorities. It was at the end of this period that they signed the statements which were later used against them.

Some of the other third-degree methods used by Caledonia military authorities were the handcuffing of prisoners, threats of bodily harm, withholding bed covering and refusal to permit them the minimum requirements of [illegible] and [illegible] a period of [illegible] nights.

The officer in charge of their preliminary investigation had recommended that rape charges against the soldiers be dropped.

The soldiers had volunteered their services to the country in 1942, [illegible] the Marcantonio-Hastie petition concluded:

"The [illegible] actions which you have so wisely taken to increase national unity and heighten the fighting morale of all Americans in the armed service and civil life give us confidence that you will in this case grant an unconditional pardon to these two Negro soldiers. We know that your action in restoring their liberty will be received by the American people with patriotic gratitude and deepening respect for your leadership of our nation at war."

WILLIAM HASTIE

VITO MARCANTONIO

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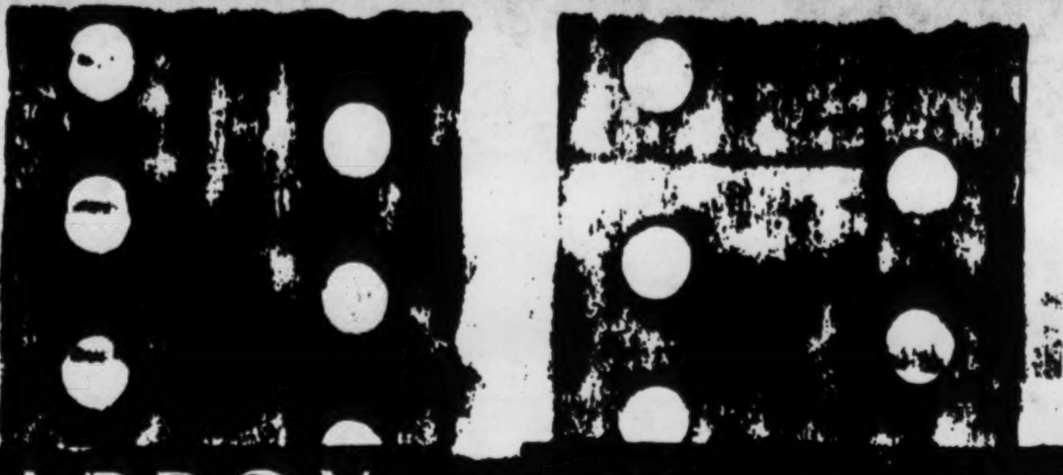

SOAPBOX • • by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

THE ELECTION OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT of the United States will fall heavily upon the shoulders of the women of the nation, for they constitute sixty per cent of the voting strength of the electorate this year, due to the millions of men overseas and confined to camps far from their home states. The election of the next chief of this great nation will be the responsibility of the women, whether they exercise their voting rights or not; for staying away from the polls on election day may enable the candidates NOT of their choosing to carry the election because of the absence of their ballots.

Women fought hard to obtain the right to vote. They were persecuted, prosecuted, scorned, libeled, and generally kicked around in their attempts to win the ballot, some of them serving jail terms for the cause. Any woman who does not take advantage of this hard-won victory by her predecessors is indeed a traitor to her sex and not worth the toil, sweat and tears that her sisters have suffered for her.

Suffrage in the hands of women has meant invaluable gains for them, as well as for men. It has meant better working conditions, shorter working hours, better pay, a better chance for a career for those desiring one, a wiser and more healthy treatment of mothers and prospective mothers, and a lower infant mortality rate.

While their men are giving that last full measure of devotion on the battlefields around the globe, they expect their women to keep the home front going. They expect them to be worthy of the respect and confidence they have gained by keeping the home fires burning socially, economically and politically. For a woman to say that she is not interested in politics is no longer considered a cute feminine foible, but downright silly. In a democracy like ours the home, the school, the factory, the field — all depend upon the wise use of the ballot.

PV is interested in women voting. PV is especially interested in Negro women voting. We want to see our women taking their place in the life of the country that progressive women of all racial groups are taking. We believe that the women will not be fooled by the loud-mouthed mutterings of selfish politiicians. We believe that they will not be bunkoed by such smelly campaign tactics as accusing Mrs. Roosevelt of being a hypocrite in her words and actions concerning racial equality.

For our women, more than our men, have experienced the many social gatherings at the White House in which the First Lady cordially welcomed them along with women of other racial groups. Our women are fully conscious of the good that the First Lady has tried to do in visting and reporting upon our poor housing conditions and the many hardships our women and children must suffer in this country due to the political chicanery of those who are afraid to give us our rightful place in this democracy.

We therefore urge all women to make it a part of the program in their church groups, their social clubs, their sororities, their charity clubs, their parents' and teachers' groups, and all of their organizations, to get their sisters out to the polls, to see that they register and vote, and to aid them in thinking straight and voting right.

Women, no matter what your club's purpose is, whether civic, religious, or simply social, now is the time for you to devote this period to the most important factor in your lives —your government—in which you are not only a part, but an essential part, and upon which you and your family must depend for the comforts of life, for progress or retrogression.

Pledge AFL

Three Youths Get Stay In Face of Electric Chair

JACKSONVILLE—A major victory was recorded this week in the celebrated Florida "Scottsboro Case," when three Negro boys sentenced to die Monday, September 18, following conviction of alleged "rape," were granted an appeal filed with the Florida Supreme Court. The appeal automatically carries with it a stay of execution of 109 days.

The right of appeal filed last week by Attorney Bradford Williams, of Lakeland, was originally denied by Governor Spessard Holland, marking the first time on record in Florida that any person sentenced to death was denied a sixty-day stay after filing an appeal.

This week's granting of the appeal is attributed to the strong defense campaign being waged by the International Labor Defense, the Southern Negro Youth Congress, and the organized labor movement of Florida.

The defendants, James Williams, 26; Fred Lane, 19, and James Davis, 16, were tried, convicted and sentenced in a lynch atmosphere in Gainesville on August 31, without a jury, all within a period of eighty minutes. Now in the death house at the Raiford State Prison, they are said to be in danger of mob violence.

Harlem Tenants League To Hold Mass Meeting

At a general mass meeting of the New Harlem Tenants League, to be held at St. Mark's M.E. Church, 138 st and Edgecombe av, Thursday, September 28, an appeal will be made for Negro tenants to organize a fight against indecent housing conditions in the community. Principal speaker will be John E. Hargrove, Negro adviser on labor relations of the Office of Price Administration in Washington.

Victor C. Gaspar, general secretary-treasurer of the organization, said this week that plans will be formulated at the meeting to send a delegation to Washington to present the Harlem housing situation to the Federal Housing Authority.

"St. Louis" Kelly Slayer Acquitted

CHICAGO (ANP)—Wendell C. Lyons, 40, alleged slayer of J. Livert (St. Louis) Kelly, went free last Wednesday after a hasty trial without jury in the criminal court here before Judge Frank M. Padden.

Charged with slaying the southside political racketeer on the grounds of the Forrestville school on April 7, Lyons accused Kelly of having defaced certain posters which boosted the political ambitions of former Alderman Grant, his brother-in-law. Kelly, ally of Mike Sneed, Grant's opponent, argued with Grant and the slaying resulted. A coroner's verdict ordered that Lyons be held for the grand jury.

ATTEND GARDEN RALLY
HEAR HENRY WALLACE
SEPTEMBER 21, 8 P.M.

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF UNITED MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that at the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Local Assemblies of the United Mutual Benefit Association to be held within the next thirty (30) days, there will be introduced for consideration and approval, a

Sociologist Joins PAC

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, director of the department of social science at Fisk University in Nashville

and author of several books field has become a member National Citizens' Political Committee, according to Hillman, PAC chairman

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PAINTERS ARCHIE NIGHTINGALE, Albert Hill and Lloyd [illegible], members of the Painters Union, District Council 9, AFL, doing preliminary work on the job they will do for the Gospel of the Tabernacle Church on their union's "Work for Victory" day, September [illegible]. Along with the [illegible] other members of the union, they will donate their pay checks on that day to 25 war relief agencies—(Foto by Tommy Weber).

LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

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THE STIFF RESISTANCE against extending the no-strike pledge put up by one wing of the United Auto Workers at the Grand Rapids Convention last week is of a piece with the management-inspired Philadelphia outlaw transit strike.

SMITH

Organized labor's record in living up to the pledge made eleven days after Pearl Harbor is better than 99 per cent perfect. (According to US Department of Labor's 1943 report, the ratio of man days lost through strikes to time lost was 8/100 of 1 per cent).

The maintenance of that pledge has restrained walkouts provoked to keep Negroes out of plants or to prevent their upgrading in plants where they are already employed. The wildcat strike against Negro workers in the Wright Aeronautical Plant was brought under control by UAW's firm application of the Convention's no-strike pledge.

On the production line the maintenance of that pledge increased production to the phenomenal rate of 600 per cent in two years—producing and delivering six times as many tanks and planes and jeeps and guns to the men in the foxholes as industrial engineers thought possible in 1941.

We are on the eve of victory abroad. To relax the no-strike pledge now in one industry would precipitate a wave of strikes in every industry, disrupt vital production at the most crucial moment in the war, and play into the hands of oppents of the Administration's proposals for planned orderly transition from war production to peacetime economy.

Strikes at this time will serve as a smokescreen beclouding the issues of the soldiers' vote, adequate compensation to men and women demobilized from the armed services and unemployment insurance and severance pay to workers in war plants.

On the eve of victory abroad we must continue united to assure a victorious peace at home.

Ickes Accuses Dewey Of Wild "Double-Talk"

GRAND RAPIDS—Speaking before the ninth annual convention of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, here last week, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes sharply criticized the charge by Thomas E. Dewey that the Roosevelt administration did not intend to demobilize armed forces as quickly as possible as "reckless" and baseless.

"Presidents are not made in the US by [illegible] double-talk designed so recklessly in the hope of deceiving the voters," Secretary Ickes said, continuing that he found it "disturbing" that Dewey, "in his reckless quest for votes has stooped to pluck the heartstrings of every American mother, wife, sweetheart and child and every soldier and sailor throughout the world with a charge that is as false as any ever promulgated by Goebbels."

Among the things Dewey has either belatedly discovered or criticized, Ickes listed:

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the administration's recognition of the Soviet Union (he reversed himself when the Red Army was well on the road to Berlin); [illegible]

the ability of the US to construct 50,000 airplanes a year.

"As a leader, he has had to reverse himself on almost everything," the Secretary said. "He has been busy trying to keep up with the parade as evidenced by public opinion polls. He has constantly been scrambling toward the rear to a "position assumed in advance"

Philly Strike Appeaser Out

Accused by Transport Workers Union officials of having given "aid and comfort and advice" to the strike "leaders" in the August strike of Philadelphia transit employes against the upgrading of Negro workers, Orville Bullitt, regional director of the War Labor Board, resigned from that agency.

The charges against Bullitt were made by Michael Quill, Transport Workers' Union president, and James [illegible]

[illegible] president of the Philly transit company has also resigned his post since a Federal grand jury began investigating the [illegible]

[illegible] American sympathies are close to those of his brother Wm. C. Bullitt, who favored French collaboration with the Nazis and whose recent article in "Life" magazine [illegible] Anglo-American [illegible]

Smith Re-elected To NMU Post

Ferdinand C. Smith, labor leader and fighter for the rights of the Negro people who is being honored with a testimonial dinner at the Commodore Hotel this Wednesday night, was re-elected secretary of the National Maritime Union in the recent biennial elections for the next two-year period, as was Joseph Curran, president of the union.

In announcing election results, Mr. Curran declared: "This election brings into focus the 100 per cent rank and file democracy existing in the union and guaranteed by our constitution."

Other officers re-elected included H. Hedley Stone, treasurer, and vice-presidents Howard McKenzie, Jack Lawrenson and Frederick W. Myers.

[illegible] RICHARDSON, who has worked in the Tank House of the United States Metals Refining Company for the past 24 years without interruption. He is a crane operator, whose job is transferring copper anodes and cathodes from one crane tank to another. His home is in Perth

Union Membership On the Upgrade!

WASHINGTON (FP)—Union membership today is almost five times that of 10 years ago and the Dept. of Labor shows 90% in aluminum fabrication, automobiles, men's clothing, non-ferrous metal smelting, shipbuilding and basic steel is covered by collective bargaining agreements.

In January, 194[illegible] the CIO Economic Outlook [illegible] Sept. 11 in its new Facts of Current Interest, 60% of all workers in manufacturing were covered by collective bargaining agreements. Of the 5 million workers participating in NLRB elections through March, 1944, 80% chose a union to represent them.

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Real Democracy in Education

By LLEWELLYN RANSOM

Breadlines, bomb-shattered cities, race riots and race persecutions throughout the world and our own fear of post-war unemployment, have brought the people to a fuller appreciation of the words of Thomas Jefferson: "Educate and inform the whole mass of the people." "They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."

Last week, 858,340 New York youngsters filed back to school. It was the custom and the law. This week thousands of adults hurry from jobs and homes to register for the fall terms of adult schools. No law sends them back except the law of survival.

"They are asking questions the traditional schools were not built to answer: "How can we prevent wars? How can we keep our workers employed? How can men of every race and belief live in harmony and peace?"

The Carver School and the Jefferson School have opened their doors to answer such questions for the adult citizens of New York.

Staffed with scholars and specialists who have studied and taught in the world's best universities and who in many cases are working in their respective fields, these two schools are offering courses at the hours and for fees suitable to the humblest worker.

Downtown at 675 Sixth Av The Thomas Jefferson School, offering 310 courses in every field of study undertaken by colleges and beyond, opened February of this year in three rented floors of a large building. Three thousand students soon overcrowded this space, causing the school to use office space for classes and to put two classes in one room at one time. Within eight months an enrollment of 8,000 has forced the school to rent the entire building. This school has an interracial faculty and includes in its courses the history and culture of the Negro people.

One year before the Jefferson School opened, the George Washington Carver School opened in Harlem at 57 W 125 st, offering a most ambitious program ranging from How to Make a Hat and How to Write Good English to History, languages, psychology and the science of race.

This school was planned and launched by Negro and white leaders and educators as a community school. It has touched thousands and will teach any subject which 10 students or prospective students will request. The Carver School board of directors includes social-workers, ministers and representatives of leading organizations. Its director, Gwendolyn Bennett, holds a BS degree in Fine Arts from Columbia University. She received fellowships from the Academie Julian, Paris, and from Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa. She taught art at Howard University and was formerly director of the Harlem Community Art Center.

Among the special features of this year's program at the Carver School are courses in trade union history and organization, current events, music, art and consumer education, and many others. Added to the staff are Doxey A. Wilkerson, author, educator and editor; [illegible] of [illegible] and author of Harriet Tubman; and [illegible], formerly of [illegible] University.

The Jefferson School program includes courses in economics, politics, labor, philosophy, science, music, literature, current events, creative writing and about 100 others.

Both schools are now registering students for the fall term.

SOME FEATURES of the rapidly growing 8-month-old Jefferson School of Social Science are its interracial student body and faculty; 25,000 volume library and bookstore (pix at top of layout) carrying clippings, books and periodicals on the Negro and labor. It occupies the entire building at 575 Sixth av. Registration is now going on at Jefferson (pix, center). This school has 310 courses, has added three floor space for classes, and sends lecturers to groups wishing to study. Edith Roberts (standing, pix below) reports that George Washington Carver School, 57 W 125 st is open for registration and that the enrollment, so far, indicates an overflow attendance. Betty White (seated) is administrative assistant and teaches [illegible] and painting. She has taught at Durham High School, Prairie View College, Dillard University and at Hampton Institute—(PV fotos).

Nurses' Aides Needed For City Hospitals

More than 4,000 women are needed immediately to serve as nurse's aides in personnel-depleted hospitals, [illegible] Bernecker, Commissioner of Hospitals, this week. Joining in the plea were executives of 33 Brooklyn hospitals and the Brooklyn chapter of the American Red Cross.

In a letter to Mrs. Sydney P. Levine, chairman of the Brooklyn chapter's Nurses' Aides Corps, Commissioner Bernecker said: "With the nursing shortage very acute in our hospitals because of military needs, it would be practically impossible for us to carry on without the valuable service being rendered by the Nurses' Aides." [illegible]

Pegler Twin Writing On World-Telegram

The new columnist replacing Westbrook Pegler in the "New York World-Telegram" and other papers of the Scripps-Howard chain is Joe Williams, formerly a sports writer on the "World-Telegram." According to sports columnist Nat Low in the Sept. 22 "Daily Worker," Williams has all the makings of another Pegler as far as reactionary standpoints are concerned. Says Low: "Williams' hatred of the Negro is deep-rooted. He doesn't have to wait for a 'go' from the Scripps Howard. Indeed, many times his asinine attacks on Negro athletes have set the pace for the Scripps-Howard papers." Williams is also known, Low says, for "his intense hatred of the democratic way of life" in general.

Church [illegible] Mortgage

[illegible] during a special rally held Sunday, Bishop M. L. Jewell, senior bishop and overseer of the Church of the Living God, burned the mortgage on the congregation's $18,000 building. Purchased in 1930, Bishop Jewell was given 20 years to pay for the building, but she accomplished the task in five years and added many improvements.

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Unprecedented Political Campaign Launched for Roosevelt's Reelection

An unprecedented political campaign and the largest ind[illegible]ent one ever organized by Negroes got under way this week with the launching of the National Non-Partisan League by the CHICAGO DEFENDER and its affiliated publications, which will operate in 19 states, to bring out the Negro vote for President Roosevelt. In a front-page editorial in the CHICAGO DEFENDER last week, the leaders of the movement expressed their position on the current Presidential campaign, stating that the Negro, "from purely selfish and practical motives can have but one choice in 1944." To neglect to put all their voting power behind Roosevelt, the editorial pointed out, "is to abandon liberalism," to "commit hari-kari," and to throw up the sponge in his battle for equal rights under American democracy."

John H: Sengstacke, president of the Robert S. Abbott Publishing Co., which publishes the Defender and has a majority interests in the Michigan Chronicle and the Louisville Defender, is the honorary chairman of the league. He, with the editor of the Chicago Defender, Dr. Metz T. P. Lochard, and other officers of his company, have been here for more than a week, laying the groundwork for the campaign, which will have its headquarters in Chicago and an office in New York City.

LOCKE JOINS

The group expects to enroll at least 1,000 Negroes, many of whom will be "new faces in the arena of the fight for liberalism," said Mr. Sengstacke, adding that "the time for bogus opportunistic leadership has passed." Dr. Alain Leroy Locke, professor of philosophy at Howard University, and a writer of prominence, was the first to join up with the group this week.

The league will define and delineate the issues of the Presidential campaign as they affect the Negro through the press and by the distribution of literature. It will be financed by the contributions of Negroes and its emphasis will be placed upon getting out the Negro vote. To this end, it will stress work with in-migrant Negroes, especially those who have come from disfranchised southern states to northern areas during recent months.

"This will be the first chance for many of the folks to translate their voices in political action for liberalism," said Sengstacke. Therefore, included among the 19 states are Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts and Connecticut, the Negro populations of which have been greatly increased during the migration for jobs.

TO SELECT OFFICERS

Other states included in the campaign are Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, California, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

Among the methods to be used in the organization's drive will be to encourage listening posts—that is, to encourage Negroes to listen to all speeches in behalf of Roosevelt. The first action of this sort will be directed toward the speech of Vice-President Wallace at the Golden Gate Ballroom here Sunday, which will be broadcast to several states.

Other newspapers which have joined up with the League are the St. Louis Argus and the Oklahoma Black Dispatch. The organization of the league will be completed next week, when officers will be chosen and more detailed plans mapped out.

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MRS. LOUISE H. McDONALD, teacher and civic worker, does not end her educational activities with the classroom nor does her interest in her profession stop her from being prominent in community affairs. One of the recognized leaders among New York women, Mrs. McDonald now heads the Women's Non-Partisan Registration Campaign which unites women of all political faiths in a program to bring out the largest possible number of voters this year. This committee has recently opened four centers where new voters receive information on qualifications to vote and on literacy tests. . . . She has long been active in Alpha Kappa Alpha's national Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs . . . and in the newer Council for Soviet-American Friendship. A devoted wife and mother, she still has time for her home, her child and her husband who is a captain in the U.S. Army.

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Non-Partisan Committee Formed For the Reelection of Roosevelt

In a strongly worded statement issued here this week 35 national Negro leaders announced the formation of the National Non-Partisan Committee for the Reelection of Roosevelt, and called upon Negro voters "to use every resource at our command to guarantee the continued guidance of our nation by those progressive foreign and domestic policies for which the Roosevelt administration is justly renowned," Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, chairman, in announcing the Committee's formation, emphasized its non-partisan character. Quoting the Committee's statement, she declared: "While retaining whatever party affiliations we may have, we believe that partisan consideration should not determine our vote in these crucial elections. We will work and vote for those men and those measures, which, irrespective of party labels, will best advance the welfare of our people. We urge that this same non-partisan approach be followed by all our fellow-citizens."

In addition to Mrs. Bethune, national officers of the Committee include Doxey A. Wilkerson, executive editor of The (N.Y.) People's Voice, vice-chairman; Rosa Gregg, Detroit civic leader, secretary; and William P. Harrison, chairman of the Mid-West People's Assembly, Chicago, treasurer.

Regional Vice-Chairmen include: Mrs. Charlotte Bass, California; Roscoe Dunjee, Oklahoma; Arthur Huff Fauset, Pennsylvania; William Harrison, Massachusetts; Rev. Charles A. Hill, Michigan; Carl Johnson, Missouri; Osceola McKaine, South Carolina; Captain Hugh Mulzac, New York; Carter Wesley, Texas; Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Ohio; and P. B. Young, Sr., Virginia.

Declaring "The time for neutrality has passed; and the time for clear-cut decision and vigorous action is here," the Committee states: "It is our conviction that the best interests of the Negro people and of all America—both in the war and in the peace—can best be advanced by the reelection of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President, and by the election of Harry S. Truman as Vice-President."

The basic issues of the elections, all of especial concern to Negro voters, are said to be:

- foreign policy for peace and security;
- post-war employment;
- a permanent FEPC;
- elimination of discrimination in the armed forces;
- universal suffrage;
- "states rights";
- strengthening of organized labor;
- the elimination of "racism" from American politics.

The statement concludes: "These and other issues now before the country illustrate how crucial the fall elections are for the continued progress of the Negro people, and for the peace and security of our entire nation and the world. They also make clear how imperatively necessary is the election of Roosevelt and Truman to national leadership."

In addition to the officers listed, members of the National Non-Partisan Committee for the Reelection of Roosevelt include: Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, N. C; Louis Martin, Shelton Tappes, Beulah Whitby, Michigan; Anne Mason, Ohio; Willard Townsend, Ill.; Julian Steele, Mass.; Lenerte Roberts, Pa.; and Wilhelmina Adams, Mrs. Jeanetta Welch Brown, Mayme Brown, Charles A. Collins, Thelma M. Dale, Benjamin J. Davis, jr., Joseph W. Ford, George Goodman, Beulah Green. Mae C. Hawes, Alphaeus Hunton, Hulan E. Jack, Louise J. McDonald, Henry L. Moon, Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, jr., Estelle Massey Riddle, Alma Vessels, M. Moran Weston, of New York.

Contributions and additional membership on the Committee are being solicited in order to carry through plans for mass distribution of a pamphlet and a nation-wide radio broadcast.

The Committee's offices are listed as 210 W 125th St, New York City, and 418 E 47th st, suite 2, Chicago, Illinois.

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World-Telly Smears PAC, NMU Leader

The World-Telegram, reactionary, pro-Dewey, Scripps-Howard paper, continued a series of attacks on progressive public figures and organizations, last week, with two articles intended to smear the Political Action Committee which has endorsed Pres. Roosevelt for reelection.

In the September 19th issue, under the headline, "Browder Admits Reds Are Linked With PAC" an effort was made to distort a statement made by the Communist leader into an admission that the PAC was under "red control." The statement actually made by Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, to the Congressional committee investigating campaign expenditures was:

"Communists are active in PAC, in AFL nonpartisan committees, in the Republican Party, Democratic Party, Elks, Kiwanis and ministerial associations and I hope some day a Communist will be active in Congress."

The subject of a second World-Telegram attack, Ferdinand C. Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Natl. Maritime Union left on a planned tour of the country with Captain Hugh Mulzac, captain of the liberty ship Booker T. Washington, speaking for the reelection of Pres. Roosevelt. Smith had been labelled an "alien red" in the pro-Dewey press just on the eve of a large testimonial dinner in his honor at the Hotel Commodore where a crowd of 2,000 persons lauded his outstanding service to labor, the Negro people, and the nation.

Meanwhile, the National Maritime Union announced that a special committee had been appointed to ascertain the truth or falsity of the charge that Mr. Smith was an alien and therefore ineligible for union office.

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Harlem Labor Union Names Three Trustees

The Board of directors of the Harlem Labor Union, Inc., set up a committee of three trustees and named to the committee Vincent Ollivierre, secretary-treasurer of the union, Charles [illegible]llins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, and Hope R. Stevens, attorney at law and member of the board of directors of the PEOPLE'S VOICE.

The resolution which created the committee vested it "with the authority of guiding, directing, advising and instructing the officers of the Harlem Labor Union, Inc., and the members of the board of directors in all matters pertaining to the management of the organization, its relationship with the public, the negotiation of contracts, the employment of personnel and the disbursement of funds."

In the preamble to the resolution the board noted that "the prestige, goodwill and community influence of the Harlem Labor Union has been adversely affected by opposition, slander and rumors engendered, uttered and circulated by persons and groups inimical to the best interests" of the organization and stated that "the value of the Harlem union to the Negro people and to the people of Harlem and of the City of New York is of special significance in the maintenance of public morale, proper unity between the working people of the city and particularly in the preservation and expansion of employment opportunity for Negroes in the various commercial and business establishments in the Harlem area."

Mr. Collins, in stressing the temporary nature of the committee of trustees, stated "It is the hope of the committee that the established practices of the organized labor movement can speedily and beneficially be applied by the Harlem Labor Union in its dealings with the public and with employers. We have found a ready disposition on the part of the officers and administrative employees of the Union to bring the standards of the organization to the highest level. Among the immediate objectives to be sought are the complete elimination of jurisdictional disputes, the adherence to labor's no-strike pledge and the establishment of harmonious relations with CIO. We hope to lay the foundation for constructive organization of the thousands of unorganized workers in the Harlem community on the basis of the most enlightened trade union practice.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

THE MEN OF THE MERCHANT MARINE who in peacetime and wartime are out at sea, and who today are in the submarine-infested waters of the seven seas, made a pledge to the American people after Pearl Harbor to maintain a bridge of ships until every vestige of Fascist barbarism is wiped from the face of the earth.

SMITH

The seamen have kept that pledge. I am sure they will continue to keep that pledge. But we have another pledge to make.

We have been transporting materials of destruction to the far-flung battlefields of the earth. From the rolling mills and blast furnaces of Pittsburgh, Gary, Youngstown and Cleveland, materials of destruction have gone forth throughout the world in the bodies of ships manned by those brave men whom we call heroes in dungarees.

I say that the second pledge that we will make to the American people is that as soon as Hitler Germany is defeated and Hirohito Japan is destroyed, that those blast furnaces and rolling mills and those assembly lines must continue to hum, and the men of the merchant marine will continue to man the ships and deliver instead materials for the reconstruction of the devastated areas of Europe and Asia. The sub-standard areas of Asia and Africa must be constructed and reconstructed for the fullness of life that we have envisioned.

The untapped markets of Africa, India and China mean more jobs for the American people. At the same time we shall be raising the living standards and the morale of all colonial peoples. This is the perspective from which we must view the intensive camaign of the CIO for full employment. There are elements in this country, in the gutter press and on the radio, who do not want full employment. They know that the Axis is reeling under the powerful blows of the heroic Red Army on the eastern front and by our own heroic fighters on the western front—and they know that they have lost the war.

The only way these home-grown Fascists can win the peace in the United States and in other parts of the United Nations is to promote a policy that leads to unemployment. They hope thereby to wield power and grow fat on the suffering and misery of the workers all over the world.

Jobs for all are the key to democracy. That is why workers everywhere are pressing for a program of full employment and full production. That is why the people will say on November 7 that the leadership that led us out of the chaos of 1932 into an abundant America must continue to lead us to a victorious conclusion of the war and into a postwar period that will provide the fullness of life in a world where decent men and women can live in plenty.

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Shall Seniority Rules Be Modified To Forestall Discharge of Negroes?

By FLORENCE MURRAY

Some weeks ago students at the Jefferson School of Social Science breached a matter of great theoretical and practical importance to the trade union movement and Negroes—the modification of seniority rules to forestall the early discharge of women and Negroes with the shut-down of war industries. The matter, now highly controversial, is one which could well be given serious study. The discussion came about when it was brought up that women and Negroes, the last to be hired in most instances, will be the first to be fired when the wheels of industry slow down.

There are arguments on both sides of the fence, and good ones too. Those who feel that the status quo should be held contend that the modification of seniority rules would undermine the unions and would act as an entering wedge for anti-union elements among employers. They believe that the only safe course for the unions is to adhere to seniority in the most rigid manner.

Opponents of the idea, among which is Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson, instructor in political economy at the school, argue that a strict adherence to the present seniority regulations would result in "freezing into post-war industry the discrimination of prewar industrial life—and to do it in the name of trade unionism."

The question of the Negro in industry is a far more explosive problem than that of women, for some women will leave their jobs to have children, to keep house for their families, and for other valid reasons.

The Negro, however, will be forced out, and will stand to lose the gains he has made in employment during the war period. The many Negroes who owe their jobs to the efforts of the FEPC and other New Deal agencies may have gained their advancements in vain.

At the Jefferson School conference the sentiment was about equally divided. It is up to union leaders and the labor press to go into all phases of the matter and make a decision that will not harm labor, but will help the women of both races who desire to remain in industry, and Negroes who need to remain.

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Mulzac Sees War Again In 10 Years if GOP Wins

By MARSHALL REID

Calling Dewey "another Coolidge," Capt. Hugh [illegible]c, skipper of the Booker T. Washington, predicted in an exclusive interview with PV this week that we will be engage in another world war within ten years if the Republican win the coming November elections. Such a war, he explained, would be against Russia because the Republicans have always hated her. They are basically isolationists, and they have attracted to their folds the America Firsters, all demagogic movements, and the enemies of organized labor in this country. Besides, they have no good plan for postwar peace and security that is worth mentioning.

CAPT. HUGH MULZAC

"Roosevelt will keep the peace," he said, "for many years to come. We know what he had done for the Negro people, and you can be sure that he'll continue to do even more after he's reelected."

Capt. Mulzac pointed out that there now are four Negro skippers in the merchant marine, and that there would be 20 or even more [illegible] enough qualified men were around. He attributed this to the President's battles for racial equality.

In some ways, he continued, the Northern Republicans supporting Dewey are similar to our Souther Democratic reactionaries. At leas the Negro people know how Roosevelt feels toward the Southerners.

The reason he compares Dewey to Coolidge, he said, is because Dewey will be led by his party chiefs who are not sympathetic to the Negro cause. Roosevelt has proved himself a leader of his party and has fought for us against the wishes of many leaders of the Democratic Party.

"The Negro people who support Dewey because he made a few political appointments are making a grave error," he continued. "What should be taken into consideration is this, what has he done for the common man? Appointment of C. B. Powell to the New York Boxing Commission hasn't helped the cause of the common man any, the same as many other of his appointments."

Asked what he thought of Mrs. Roosevelt's recent letter about "social equality" for Negroes, Mulzac replied that he thought the letter was misinterpreted and distorted by the press to denounce Mrs. Roosevelt.

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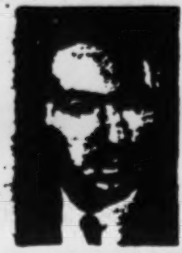
SOAPBOX . . . by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.



NEGROES OF ALL CLASSES and conditions are rapidly going out to vote for Roosevelt in the coming elections. We are giving more than lip service to bring out this vote. Three lusty cheers for the two newly-formed National Non-Partisan Leagues, one launched by the Chicago *Defender* and its affiliated newspapers, and the other by 35 national Negro leaders meeting here last week under the chairmanship of Mary McLeod Bethune. We Negroes know, like the CIO's Political Action Committee knows, like the Artists and Actors Committee knows, like many other liberal groups know, that to get the people out to the polls on election day is bringing out the vote for Roosevelt.

As the New York Post said, the Joes and the Macs in the factory are thinking about jobs after this war. They are not bothered about the mud-slinging, smearing tactics of the Republicans who, as the President said, are not satisfied to smear him and his wife with dirty personal allusions, but, include even his little dog Fala. The Joes and the Macs, both colored and white, can win this election for Roosevelt, because there are more of them. Our fight now is to get them to the polls.

The groups which are working day and night and throwing in their pennies and dollars to bring out the vote are not worried about whom the Joes and the Macs, and we add, the Marys, want for their next President; but we are worried about getting them registered and to the polls.

The Non-Partisan League is seeking 1,000 members on its main committee to work in this direction. Their rallying cry is: Register and vote. The Negro knows what side his bread is buttered on. He knows that despite the few southern Democratic tories who are not willing to see beyond their race-baiting noses the New Deal has meant more freedom for him along all lines than any other administration since Reconstruction. To go back on Roosevelt at this time is to commit hari-kari, as Dr. Metz T. P. Lochard, one of the leaders of the Non-Partisan League, said this week.

Negroes, we have too much at stake in this battle. We are fighting for a chance to continue to improve our conditions, to advance the liberalism that Roosevelt has started on its way. The Republican strategy in this election is to keep the vote small, for the common people are in the majority. They want to keep us away from the polls on election day, for they know that every one of us who neglects to vote is in essence casting a vote for Dewey.

Every one of you can help in this crusade. Just do your job in your own community. Get your neighbor to register. Teach your southern neighbor, who has recently come to the North from a disfranchised land, how to register. See that he registers. See that he votes. Make yourself responsible for all your friends and neighbors. Remind them that the law says that their employers must give them time off to vote. Assure them that if they have not voted before and must take the literacy test, that the test is simple and easy, that there is no need to be nervous about it, that they only need to know how to read passably.

If you want any information on how to carry on your crusade in which your freedom for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is at stake, call us, call PM, call the New York Post, call the CIO union, call the Political Action Committee. We will all help you. If you let your race down now, there may never come another chance in your lifetime to continue the strides you have made for civil rights, for independence, for homes, for food, for life itself. Or, would you rather go back to the Hoover-Coolidge days of selling apples on street corners?

L. HERBERT HENEGAN, well-known newspaperman who, for the past two years was FSA information specialist, was named recently by Administrator Frank

This Week's 'Fish' Story: He Doesn't Like Jimcro

In a wire to People's Voice this week, Hamilton Fish, Republican congressman from New York, whose name has often been linked to pro-fascist groups in America, vigorously denied a statement attributed to him by E. Pauline Myers, administrative assistant of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America, with headquarters in Washington, that he does not "favor abolishing segregation" and "allowing Negroes to force themselves on white people."

In his telegram, the "baby kissing" congressman declared: "I

lease she sent out for publication. Our wire to Mr. Fish requesting confirmation brought the response reported above. Let there be a greater sense of responsibility on the part of all who submit stories to the press for publication—Editor].

V-ite's Father Dies

Herman Pullman, 80, 1378 East st, Brooklyn, father of Will- Pullman of PV's advertising partment, died Saturday. Funeral services were held Monday ternoon.

egister at Boards Now and Avoid Rush

Register now and avoid the ush. Don't wait until registration week, October 9 to 14. Night orkers, your best chances to egister are at the addresses bew before September 30, where ffices will be open from 9 to 4. Manhattan: 400 Broome st, 4th oor; Brooklyn: Municipal Bldg., Room 200, Borough Hall; Queens, Borough Hall, Kew Gardens; Richmond, Borough Hall, New Brighton.

THERE SHALL BE NO DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE CREED COLOR OF NATION

SPEAKING TO MORE THAN 2,000 WHO HAD COME to honor him on the eve of his nation-wide speaking tour for the reelection of President Roosevelt, Ferdinand C. Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union reassures the audience that his organization will keep 'em sailing until every single vestige of fascism is wiped from the face of the earth. *Listening attentively (l. to r.)* are Congressman William Dawson of Illinois, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, outstanding women's leader; Joseph Curran, president of the NMU; and Assistant Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman—(Chick Solomon foto).

Unity for FDR Election Keynote of Smith Dinner

In a moving tribute to a great trade unionist, more than 2,000 leaders assembled in the ballroom of the Hotel Commodore last Thursday at a testimonial dinner for Ferdinand C. Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union. They constituted a remarkable cross section of the American people, including captains of industry, representatives of government, leaders of trade unions and civic organizations, representatives of the armed services and plain American workers, white and Negro.

A giant nine foot portrait of Mr. Smith, flanked by pictures of President Roosevelt and CIO President Philip Murray, which hung over the speaker's dais, set the keynote for the meeting-unity of all peoples for the reelection of Roosevelt in order to assure enduring peace and security after our military victory is won.

Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, praised Mr. Smith for his valuable contributions in building the Maritime Union. Referring to the World-Telegram's smear against Mr. Smith's foreign birth, timed to appear the day before the banquet, Mr. Curran cited the fact that Mr. Smith had just been re-elected national secretary by 37,000 out of 39,000 ballots cast in a secret referendum vote.

"This," he said, "is the answer of our union. We will determine our own policies. If wanting a world with no exploitation, if wanting a world where all nationalities, colors and creeds can work together, if wanting freedom of speech, equal rights in the press, taking full political action, if wanting full democracy is Communism—the World-Telegram had better make the best of it." He warned alien-baiters and Negro-baiters "not to play with the temper of the people."

Participating in the program were Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, who spoke admiringly of Mr.

dent Roosevelt; Captain Hugh Mulzac, chairman of the testimonial dinner; Congressman William Dawson of Chicago; and Frank Taylor, President of the United Merchant Marine Institute.

Basil Harris, president of the United States Lines and honorary chairman of the Sponsoring Committee, praised the National Maritime Union and its leaders for keeping their no-strike pledge without a single exception. He reported that the World-Telegram called him the day before the dinner asking whether he was withdrawing from the affair. His question as to why he should withdraw brought the query, "Don't you know that Joe Curran and Ferdinand Smith are Communists?" To this the shipping magnate replied, "So what?," and in

Responding to a series of ovations, Mr. Smith said, "We must

Negroes Now 12.7% of Detroit's Population

DETROIT—While Detroit's Negro population went up 47 per cent from 1940 to 1944, the available housing remained practically stationary in that time. The U.S. Census bureau gives the 1944 Negro population as 211,000 as compared with 148,445 in 1940.

Only 1,800 Federal units were built for Negroes in the four-county Detroit area and there was scarcely any private building for them. Negroes now constitute 12.7 per cent of the total population.

that rated he expressed the feelings of that entire audience.

continue unity of action in peace as we have maintained it in war. We must keep conditions in other industries similar to those in the National Maritime Union." Mr. Smith was presented with gifts by the office workers at the NMU and by the staff of the National Negro Congress.

Music for the dinner was provided by Ray Lev, nationally known concert pianist, and the Coast Guard Quartet, which was called "an example of living democracy" because of its mixed white-Negro composition.

Philly School Offers Courses on the Negro

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, 1833 Walnut st., is announcing for its fall term, beginning Monday, October 2, three courses of particular interest to students interested in the Negro people.

They are The Negro Today, which will be given by Carolyn Moore, executive secretary of t NAACP, Wayne Hopkins, exec tive secretary, Armstrong Ass ciation, and Arthur Huff Faus National Negro Congress; T Negro in American Culture, wh. will be presented by a group prominent Negro artists a scientists; and The American N gro's Fight for Freedom.

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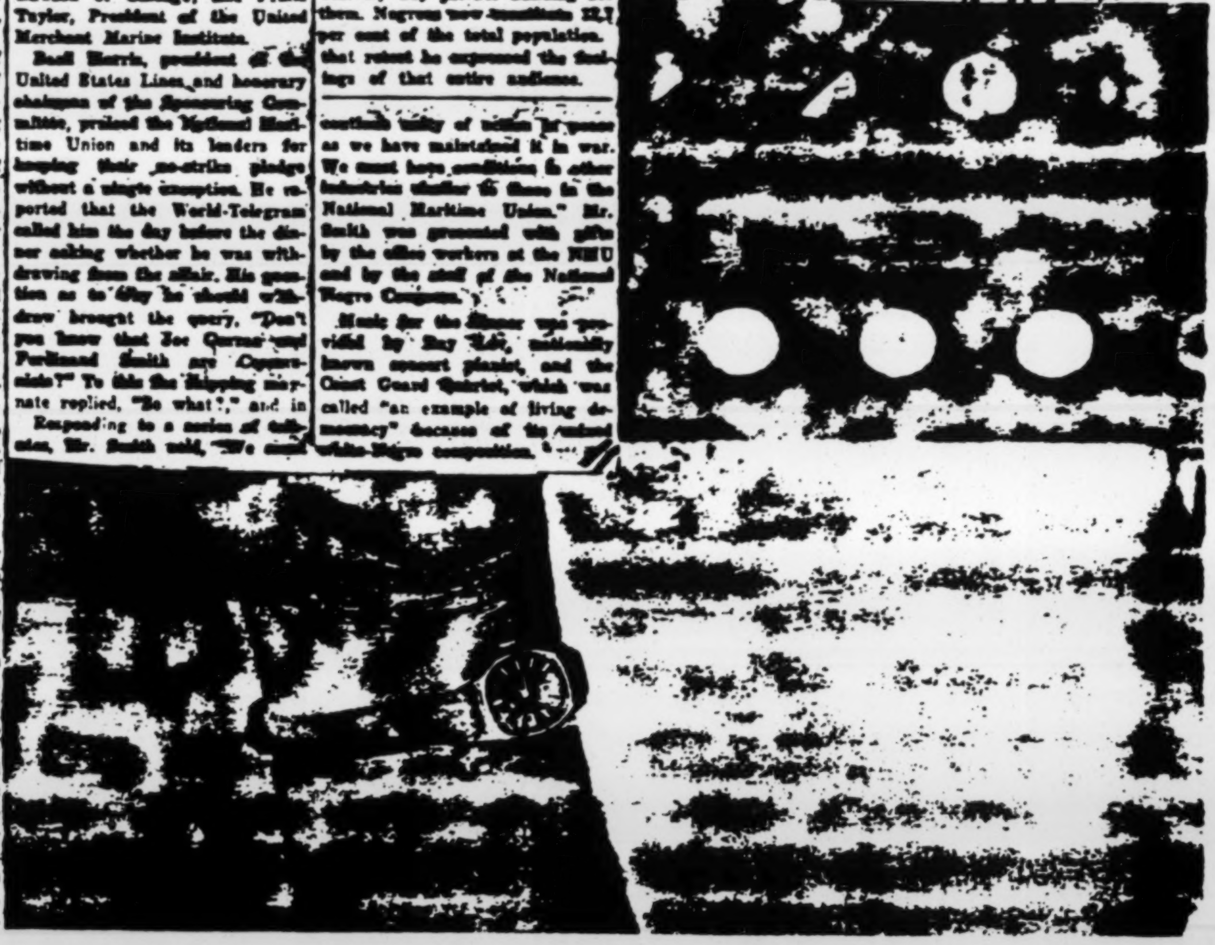

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